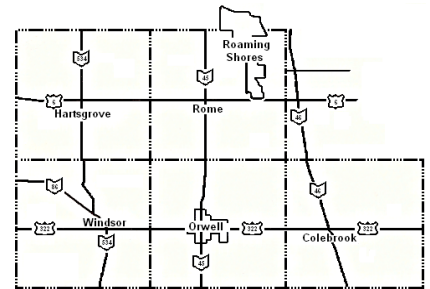




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Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce September 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Denihan, Ken Herbster, Annette Herbster, Gwen Biennas, Julie Mordesovich, Joseph Varckette, Ed Sutliff, Wanda Marunowski, Shane Gregory, Doris Cook, guest – Joe Oleksiak and Duane Feher – Ashtabula Deputy Director Ashtabula County Board of Elections.

Welcome

Guest Speaker – Duane Feher, Ashtabula Deputy Director Ashtabula County Board of Elections

Topics of Discussion – absentee ballots, voter registration are available; we need to have faith in our election process; Board of Election works for the Secretary of State; 2017 Elections, Municipal very Office; Township Trustees; School Board Member; there are over 100 people on the ballot for Ashtabula County; every year elections, State Officers; Voter Issues, 2020 the Presidential Elections; State Issues – Issue One – Rites of Crime Victims, Issue 2 State Agencies on pharmacy drugs.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Review of minutes from August Meeting

Motion to accept – Annette Herbster

Second the motion – Julie Mordesovich

Treasurer Report – Annette Herbster

Submitted for review

Correspondence – Gwen Biennas

Outgoing - Emails – meeting reminders info

Outgoing – Sympathy Card to Diane Giel, her father in law passed away

Sympathy Card to the Pawlowski Family, Celia Pawlowski passed away

Outgoing – Thank you to Dr. Bill Nye for speaking at our last meeting.

Conversation emails with Casey Kozlowski for our September speaker

Conversation emails with Duane Feher –

The Deputy Director of Ashtabula County Board of Elections

Received – statements from Middlefield Bank

Received – Department of the Treasury IRS letter, given to Annette Herbster

Received – letter from NOACC with check for our participation in

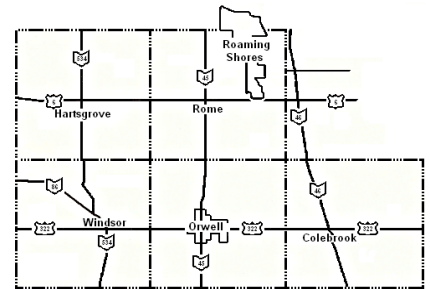




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NOACC Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program

Received – 2 email, Growth Partnership

Received – email, Business Compass Meeting for September

Received – letter from Hicks Partners to possibly speak at our meetings

Their teams works with entrepreneurs, small business Fortune 500 companies, non-profits and other organizations to shape policy

Spotlight Business - September, Winer Legal Services; October, Ray Bros; November, Orwell Tool; December, Tri County Veterinary Clinic

Nomination for Rising Star - Stuart Walker

Gun Raffle – 8 tickets left. As soon all of them our sold we will draw the winner. We are looking forward to the next Gun Raffle.

Next Chamber Dinner Meeting – October 31 at the Rome Fire Hall @ 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker – Joseph Varkette.

No one stepped up for the Nominating Committee.

We will be raising our membership dues to \$60 to help defray operational expenses. We haven't raised our dues in years. Majority of present Chamber members to accept the \$10 increase

We need to incorpate in our By-Laws if we were to disband our Chamber where will the remaining money go.

Membership forms and information will be emailed and an additional note to explain the increase of the membership dues.

Business Roundtable:

*Ed Sutliff, Western Reserve Drafting – buried with work with is good.

*Joe Oleskiak, Timber Frame Company – a consultant to Ed Sutliff

*Wanda Marunski, The Gazette – our local ad representative

*Doris Cook, The Gazette – GV vs Black Knights for Homecoming , we hope for more people to support our local teams.

*Susan Robinson, Sacred Path Candles – a lot of effort for a show in Columbus

*Julie Mordesovich, First Responders – Queen of Hearts, estimate for the floor in the fire hall \$11,800, they are looking to rent a sander and do some of the work themselves, First Responders ATV Raffle, Breakfast with Santa. Santa will be coming on November 26.

*Bob Denihan, B & S Publishing - ticket season is picking up.

*Annette Herbster, Herbster Tax Service – extensions are coming due. Keeping busy.

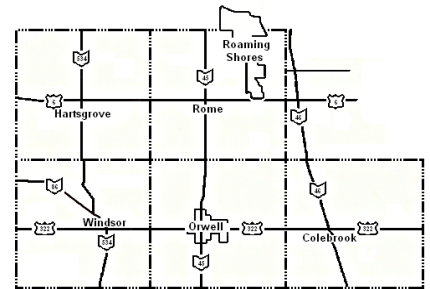
*Ken Herbster, Herbster Home Inspection – inquiries but no one has bit.



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*Gwen Biennas, Gwen's Catering – Fireman's Training Seminar, looking forward to holiday orders.

Motion to adjourn -
Second the motion

Respectfully Submitted

Gwen Biennas

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Secretary