

TOWNSHIP REJOINS CHAMBER

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TOWN OF BELOIT - The Town will be rejoining the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation immediately, according to information from Town of Beloit Chair Diane Greenlee in an interview following the Town board's Monday evening meeting.

The Town ambassador to the organizations will be Treasurer Sara Regenauer.

"We feel it's important for us to have some representation in both of these organizations, and we have always wanted to work together with them," Greenlee said.

"We support regionalism first and foremost. We are more than excited to rebuild that relationship," said Greater Beloit Executive Director Aimee Thurner after hearing the news this morning.

In January, former Town of Beloit Administrator Ian Haas sent a letter to the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation terminating the township's membership. Despite tensions with the city over a boundary agreement and a 208 sewer project, Haas had told the Daily News the decision wasn't politically motivated. He said he believed the town was not getting a return on investment through the chamber.

Greenlee said the board approved Haas' decision at the time as there were concerns over representation. However, on Monday she said the board members feel they can work better within the organization than from the outside.

At the meeting the board also voted to approve a drainage project which would reshape a ditch to divert water on a property on Pow Wow Trail after a property owner had a problem with water coming into the yard.

Greenlee said some of the drainage ditches have filled in over the years and were redone as part of the 208 Sewer and Water Project, signed in 2008 with the city of Beloit including a 10-year window to provide sewer and water service to the area.

The Town started the project in 2016 and is completing it on deadline at the end of 2018.

At the meeting, Greenlee said board members also received updates on community development. She said all of the lots in Heron Bay are sold and a few more lots in Blackhawk Run are going to be closing before the end of the week.

Jinsky Trucking on Bartells Drive is expanding. Avid Pallet, which is in the city of Beloit, will be building an additional building which will be in the Town of Beloit. Greenlee also noted the Alliant Energy project is more than 50 percent complete.