

## **Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, September 25, 2017 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:03 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracy Magnuson, David Aro, Sandy Arsenault, Anne Giroux, Teresa Perry, Mark Slown, Rosemarie Strom, Jay Clancey, Justin Koski, and Carrie Meyer (11).

PUBLIC COMMENT – Becky Allen from the Lighthouse of Ishpeming could not attend.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes as presented.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Lampman was unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Meyer and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT – There was no report.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Manager Slown reported the special events that took place over the weekend were well attended, went well, and received many positive comments.

#### PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

There was discussion on the beautification budget, the value of beautification, promotions, and total revenues versus total expenditures.

A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to approve the proposed 2018 budget as presented.

#### DOWNTOWN ART PROPOSAL FROM SUPERIOR DESIGNS

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Aeh and carried unanimously to table this item for a future meeting.

#### DDA OWNED PROPERTIES

Member Slown reviewed the properties owned by the DDA. There was discussion on the Canda Street property and it was noted after the improvements were made to the property it would be deeded over to the Thibault's.

#### ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Member Aeh reported the DDA was working on Ladies Night to be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> and was also soliciting participants for the Santa Parade.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Member Slown advised Beckett and Raeder, which was working with Project Empire, would be coming back to town in October and requested a meeting with the DDA to present their ideas. A special meeting would be scheduled for the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 for their presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Member Slown reported that Lee Warner, from Edward D. Jones, had contacted him about the City acquiring the parcel. Member Slown had declined the offer. Others have suggested the donation of this parcel on the corner of Hematite and Main Street to a non-profit organization; there was some discussion of the possible uses for the site.

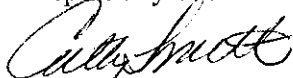
Also discussed was the grant submitted by MDOT for a roundabout at the Lakeshore intersection.

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Koski and carried unanimously to write a letter of support from the DDA in favor of the proposed roundabout.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:48 p.m., a motion was made by Member Clancey supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary