

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, September 23, 2019 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:05 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracey Magnuson, Dave Aro, John Carlson, Sandy Arsenault, Jay Clancey, Carrie Meyer, Karl Lehmann (arrived at 4:15p.m.) and Jim Lampman (9). Absent: Teresa Perry (1). Anne Giroux resigned at the last meeting so there is one vacancy. Also present was Linda Andriacchi, Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC, and David and Shelly Thibeault from Shelly's Rainbow Bar.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Magnuson, supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to approve the July 22, 2019 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial report. A motion was made by Member Clancey, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi reported the article had been published in the Michigan Gardening Magazine about all of her volunteer work at the City and master gardening; she explained what she was planning on doing with the baskets for Christmas this year; and after talking with the Credit Union, they will be doing some beautification around their building and volunteered to maintain the roundabouts.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Bob Hendrickson, Greater Ishpeming Negaunee Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone of their Gala Dinner on October 10th; reported their membership was in good standing; noted the Marji Gesick went very well, without any problems, and it benefited many of the local businesses. He further reported on the Community Assessment that was held at Bell Hospital.

AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE – SHELLY'S RAINBOW BAR

David Thibeault explained he has not had the opportunity to work on the requirements of the agreement due to finances and health. He was asking the DDA if the agreement could be extended for one year to give him time to complete the work. There was discussion related to the proposed plan for the site and beautifying the area. The DDA asked that perhaps he could, at a minimum, beautify the area for example with grass, fencing at least as a beginning to the project, the DDA was amendable to extending the agreement.

A motion was made by Member Lehmann, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to extend the existing agreement for one year contingent on progress being started at the site.

UPDATE ON LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT

Member Lehmann provided an update of on the progress of the pavilion. There has been ongoing discussions on the purchase of the doors for the east and west side of the pavilion; however, the materials on the inside of the pavilion would hold up in weather if the doors were not installed this year.

2020 PROPOSED DDA BUDGET

Finance Director Lampman advised the 2020 budget was basically the same as 2019. The bond payments have reached their peak so there were no major changes to the budget.

A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to approve the 2020 proposed budget as presented.

ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS REPORT

Member Magnuson reviewed the progress to rebuild Santa's Workshop and advised additional Christmas decorations would also be purchased. She further reviewed the dates for the Christmas festivities; and the 2020 dates for the Gus Macker.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Aeh would like to gather a group of volunteers to remove the graffiti on the old Merrick's building.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Arsenault expressed her frustration with the number of businesses that have closed in the City; she felt the downtown was not an attractive downtown which did not help with getting customers to frequent the downtown and keep business open.

There was discussion regarding the Anderson Building and AirBNB's in the City of Ishpeming.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:40 p.m., a motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk