

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2020**

The special meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, August 31, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:05 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Dave Aro, John Carlson, Eric Laksonen, Carrie Meyer, Tracy Magnuson, Jay Clancey, Craig Cugini, and Jason Chapman (9). Absent: Sandy Arsenault and 1 vacant position (2). Also present was Linda Andriacchi.

AGENDA COMMENT – There was none.

2021 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Staff and the Downtown Development Authority members talked about the 2021 DDA budget and future projects for the DDA. The discussion revolved around the DDA being able to do more for the community. There was a small projected gain in the unrestricted budget for 2021.

Projects that were considered included revitalizing holiday lighting, the DDA Grant Program for business in the downtown to improve façade improvements or aid in making their business ADA compliant, architectural and engineering design for a skate park, and matching funds for a grant to support the development of a Forest Management Plan which would include street and park tree inventories and urban tree canopy assessment. The following was the proposed breakdown:

FY 2021

\$10,000 per year for ten years – Christmas / Holiday Lighting Improvements
\$12,500 maximum for Skate Park A&E Design
\$20,000 per year for 10 years – Grant program (Maximum single grant \$10,000)
\$15,000 Grant Match for Forrest Management Plan

FY2022

\$25,000 FY 2022 Grant Match for Skate Park Construction (Assumes a successful grant application).

A motion was made by Member Carlson, supported by Member Meyer and carried unanimously to approve the 2021 budget as proposed.

Member Aeh report the Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board will be considering the nomination for the Ishpeming Main Street Historic District on September 25th and suggested members send comments to Todd Walsh, National Register Coordinator, regarding the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m., a motion was made by Member Chapman, supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager