

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority  
Minutes  
Monday, December 7, 2020**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:10 p.m. Present: David Aeh, Dave Aro via Zoom at home, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyer via Zoom at home, Tracy Magnuson, Jay Clancey via Zoom at home, Jason Chapman via Zoom at home, Rob Taylor via Zoom at home, and Craig Cugini, (9). Absent: John Carlson and Eric Laksonen (2). Also present was Linda Andriacchi and Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the September 28<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>. A motion made by Member Magnuson, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi advised there are 95 hanging baskets. There was some discussion related to beautification expenses.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Bob Hendrickson, Chamber of Commerce Director, briefly summarized the Chamber report and advised the membership has been consistent; and, he also reviewed the proposed 2021 budget for the Great Ishpeming Negaunee Chamber of Commerce.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Chairman Aeh opened the Informational Session portion of the Downtown Development Authority at 4:28 p.m.

Finance Director James Lampman provided some information regarding the debt commitments of the DDA which run through the year 2030. He advised the City Council approved the 2021 budget in November and summarized the DDA budget.

Manager Cugini advised the grant application for Forest Management was not approved.

Chairman Aeh had a complaint from a resident implying the DDA meetings were in violation of the Open Meetings Act; he informed the individual the meetings were open to the public via Zoom which was permissible and the meetings were not in violation.

At 4:35p.m., Chairman Aeh closed the Information Session portion of the meeting.

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

David Thibeau, Bucks Subs, still anticipated completing the work and would like to get an extension until the end of summer if possible. He advised he needed parking more than he needed a patio, however, he would construct the patio if that was required and he would like to remove the installation of a service window from the plan and would like to check into the possibility of having a drive-up window.

The use of the lot by snowmobilers in the winter helped his business as well as the Cognition and he would like to install a fence that could be removed in the winter to still accommodate snowmobilers. The plan would still need to incorporate an easement on the west side of the lot.

Member Clancey felt a drive-up window would be very beneficial to the sub shop business.

Member Arsenault was concerned that nothing on the plan has been completed to date and this was the end of the one-year extension. Member Aeh would like to work with Mr. Thibeau to get the project completed and the lot transferred to him.

A motion was made by Member Cugini supported by Member Chapman and carried unanimously to amend the agreement, one last time, with Shelly's Rainbow Bar, with the commitment to complete the work by September 30, 2021 and the improvements to be completed would be Items a, b, c, and f of item #2 in the original agreement.

### **ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Member Magnuson advised ICE has received some negative feedback on facebook regarding the cancellation of the Christmas festivities. The extension from the Governor regarding COVID was through December 20<sup>th</sup> so there were no activities that could be added for Christmas. There was some discussion regarding Santa riding around town in the fire truck. Member Magnuson advised this would not be an Ishpeming Community Events event. Member Chapman would bring this up for discussion at the next Council meeting. Santa and Mrs. Clause were still willing to do something for Christmas.

### **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

It was the consensus of the DDA to accept the meeting schedule as presented for 2021.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Manager Cugini asked if the DDA would like to set up a meeting to discuss the façade program and set up an application and review process. It was suggested to set up a workshop before to the next regular meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to hold a workshop at 3:00 p.m. to review the façade program on January 25<sup>th</sup> and the regular meeting would begin at 4:00 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rob Taylor, the newest member of the DDA, introduced himself and noted he joined the DDA to get involved in the community.

Manager Cugini advised Tony Bertucci and David Aro as members of the Kiwanis, would work on a playground project in Ishpeming at the Lake Bancroft Pavilion area. They were soliciting funding to complete the project and also applying for grants and the balance, if any, would be funded by the local service organizations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:32 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Carlson and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cathy Smith

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager