

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority  
Minutes  
Monday, January 25, 2021**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, January 25, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 5:00 p.m. Present: David Aeh, Dave Aro via Zoom at home, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyer via Zoom at home, Tracy Magnuson, Eric Laksonen via Zoom at home, John Carlson Jason Chapman via Zoom at home, Rob Taylor via Zoom at home, and Craig Cugini, (10). Absent: Jay Clancey (1). Also present was Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Carlson and carried unanimously to re-elect the same officers as 2020 for 2021: David Aeh, Chairperson; David Aro, Vice Chairperson; Jim Lampman, Treasurer; and Sandy Arsenault, Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Member Carlson, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for period ending December 31, 2020. A motion made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Carlson and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

**CONFIRM MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE GREATER ISHPEMING NEGAUNEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

A motion was made by Member Magnuson, seconded by Member Aro and carried unanimously to confirm the payment of the membership dues for the Greater Ishpeming Negaunee Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,000.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Member Aeh summarized the beautification report which provided earlier by Linda Andriacchi. She thanked David Aeh for his contribution to beautification and his support, thanked the DDA for their support; MSU would like a letter from the City allowing her to work in the garden due to COVID; and was thankful for all the wonderful people we have in the City of Ishpeming.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Bob Hendrickson, Chamber of Commerce Director, briefly summarized the Chamber report and the Chamber continues to move forward. They currently had approximately 192 members. The façade grant could run in the newsletter or he would also visit some of the businesses in the core downtown and advise them of the façade grant.

**ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS REPORT**

Member Magnuson advised due to COVID there was nothing to report and ICE was still planning to have music in the park in the spring. There was some discussion about having the Easter Bunny ride on the fire truck again in April.

Manager Cugini informed DDA members TextMyGov would be available to residents very soon. This system could be used to notify citizens of an upcoming event as well as providing many other notifications.

Member Carlson advised the Ishpeming Ski Club was planning on having a tournament in March.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Member Arsenault clarified at the last meeting during discussions pertaining to the property next to the Rainbow Bar, the DDA would like to have something nice installed on that property however, the DDA could not tell him to do something on his building only on the property next to the building.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Manager Cugini advised there was a new Mining Journal report as Lisa Bowers was now with ABC 10. The new Mining Journal reporter was Katie Sugela.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:30 p.m., a motion was made by Member Chapman, supported by Member Carlson and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager