

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority  
Minutes  
Monday, May 24, 2021**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, May 24, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Dave Aro, Sandy Arsenault, Rob Taylor, Tracy Magnuson, John Carlson, Jay Clancey (via Zoom), and Craig Cugini, (8). Absent: Jason Chapman, Carrie Meyer, and Eric Laksonen (3). Also present was Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC and Linda Andriacchi (arrived at 4:55 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was held via Zoom. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Carlson, supported by Member Taylor, and carried unanimously to approve the March 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Member Taylor, supported by Member Carlson, and carried unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of April 12, 2021 as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for period ending April 30, 2021. A motion made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Manager Cugini advised the college students were asked if they would like to water flowers in addition to the laborer duties. The truck used for beautification was broke down and not able to be fixed so another truck is being sought through DPW. The hanging baskets would be put up with the help of DPW and the bucket truck. Linda had some lilac plants for the garden at City Hall and North Iron Church has adopted the City Garden.

Linda Andriacchi arrived at 4:58 p.m. She would like DPW to place the planter on Division Street in front of City Hall when available.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Bob Hendrickson, Greater Ishpeming Negaunee Chamber of Commerce Director, provided a brief update. He advised they were working on various events to be held in Ishpeming and Negaunee. Many things were happening in Ishpeming and Negaunee so it has been a time for growth in both communities.

There was some discussion related to the Chambers association with Travel Marquette.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Open Informational Session

At 4:21 p.m., the Chairman Aeh opened the Informational Session. Finance Director James Lampman provided a brief summary of the DDA budget for 2020, status of the bonds, and advised staff would be updating the website with required information.

Take public questions/input

There was no public questions or input and there were no attendees from the public on Zoom.

Close Informational Session

At 4:28 p.m., a motion was made by Member Taylor, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to closed the Informational Session.

**REQUEST TO AMEND SHELLY'S RAINBOW BAR AGREEMENT**

Member Aeh advised prior to the meeting, he looked at the wall at the Congress and compared it to the wall of the Rainbow Bar. He did not think the Rainbow Bar wall looked bad it only needed a mason to stabilize the holes and the felt it would look good. Members thought the wall would look better if it was repaired with stucco or cement versus tin or vinyl siding.

A letter should be sent to David Thibault and Shelly's Rainbow Bar and advised per the original agreement, we would like something in masonry and not in favor of the other alternatives; reiterate the deadline was still September 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the repairs or to have a contractor lined up by the deadline with work being done at another specific date. Member Aeh offered to assist with any plantings in that area.

A motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to forward a letter to Shelly's Rainbow Bar/David Thibault indicated the above.

**RESCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUDGET GUIDANCE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO JULY 26, 2021**

It was the consensus of the DDA to have the budget guidance and capital investment meeting for Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS REPORT**

Member Magnuson advised Music in the Park was set to start on June 17<sup>th</sup> and would run through August with one special Saturday event; Gus Macker would be held June 25-27; and Festival of Treasures was scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> with all Fourth of July festivities being held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The initial Skate Park Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Member Aeh advised the Historical Society was going to be having a Garden Tour event instead of a House Tour.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:55 p.m., a motion was made by Member Carlson, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager