

## ISHPEMING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting of November 26, 2012

A meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, November 26, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Aeh.

Present: David Aeh, Dave Aro, Diane Gauthier, Jason Gauthier, Jered Ottenwess, Elaine Racine, and Stacey Willey.

Ishpeming City Council Members present were Mayor Pat Scanlon, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Elaine Racine, and John Stone. Also present was City Attorney David Savu. Councilman Mike Tall was absent.

Also present were Mike Tonkin, Ray Roberts, Jon Kangas, Roger Crimmins and Bob Bannasch of Lindberg & Sons, Sandy Sundquist, Adele Whitefoot, Scott Patrick, Chamber Director Elizabeth Peterson, Police Chief Dan Willey, and Pat Coleman and Brian Savolainen of UPEA.

### Joint Meeting with the Ishpeming City Council to Discuss Malton Road

The City Council requested a joint meeting with the DDA to discuss problems encountered with the Malton Road project. Mr. Aeh spoke on behalf of the DDA and stated it is the intention of the DDA to find funding for the paving of Malton Road. Funding can be achieved by using the fund balance or by cutting other expenses. Mr. Aeh expressed the desire of the DDA to have the street paved as it would make the property more valuable for development and more effective for maintenance.

The error in the bid specs prepared by UPEA was discussed. Mr. Coleman said the quantity was wrong in the bid form. He stated the cost is still what would be paid. When the bid came in lower than expected, it made it appear more paving could be done than originally planned. He explained there was very little paving in the original plan. In order to come within budget, the anticipated paving must be eliminated.

It was questioned whether UPEA was going to assume part of the financial responsibility for the increased cost of \$49,033.50 necessitated by the error. Mr. Coleman stated he is not an officer of the company so he cannot speak on any payments.

Unexpected problems were encountered with foundations and rock, which increased the cost of the project. The unit price charged by Lindberg to remove the rock and foundation was \$10.50 per cubic yard, while the normal rate charged is around \$30 per cubic yard. Until an earthwork project is started, it is unknown what problems will be encountered.

It was asked how one bid could be \$100,000 less than the other. Mr. Coleman stated all bidders used the same bid forms.

It was noted that there was additional cost to move the planned location of the road further from Tim Hares' house. A temporary barrier for Wabash Heights is in place now with enough space for the plows to turn around.

### Public Comment For Joint Meeting

Ray Roberts, Chairman of the Planning Commission, gave a reminder that there is also a street that exists past Tim Hares' house that provides access to the ball field. With regards to paving of Malton Road, gravel surface requires more maintenance cost. There is already a recommendation for dust control that

would be good for low volume use. Included in the bid documents was a double seal quote. This alternative could be considered as it is cheaper than hot mix asphalt and more paving could be accomplished.

DPW Director Jon Kangas said he would prefer to use hot mix asphalt.

The City Council adjourned their meeting at 4:35 p.m..

The Downtown Development Authority reconvened the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

#### Public Comment

Sandy Sundquist stated the Torch Trek will not be held this year. An Arctic Blast Color Dash will be held on January 5 in the Country Village RV Park. This is a snow shoe event with a 1 K trail for children and a 5 K trail for adults. Participants will get a packet of colored powder to throw in the air. There will not be a charge for the snow shoes. Mrs. Sundquist inquired whether the \$2,000 budgeted for the Torch Trek could be used for this event. Possibly the City could groom the 5 K run and provide barriers, and the funds could be used to reimburse the City for services.

A motion was made by Mrs. Willey and seconded by Mrs. Racine to allow the use of the budgeted \$2,000 torch trek funding for the Arctic Blast Color Dash. Motion carried.

Scott Patrick, Carpet Specialists, inquired about the status of the Façade Program. He was informed that Dan Perkins was the only approved applicant to date. There is interest by two other businesses on Main Street, but they have not submitted their application to date. It was noted there is interest from outside the existing boundaries.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier and seconded by Mrs. Willey to approve the minutes of October 22, 2012, as presented. Motion carried.

#### Financial Report

A motion was made by Mr. Aeh and seconded by Mr. Aro to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

#### Chamber of Commerce Report

Chamber Director Elizabeth Peterson reported the Chamber is co-sponsoring the Arctic Blast Color Dash, the punch cards have been distributed for the promotion ending on December 19, work is continuing on the texting campaign and membership renewals, and the Business before Hours at U. P. Home Health and Hospice was a success. Cliffs Natural Resources, U. P. Catholic Credit Union, and Hanna's Tea Times have become Chamber members.

#### Landscape Year End Report and Invoice

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier and seconded by Mr. Aeh to pay the invoice from Yvonne Leaf for beautification services in the amount of \$1,060.00. Motion carried.

#### Bond Project Update

The Malton Road project is closing for winter, and barriers are being installed.

Various options are being reviewed to get the U. S. 41 water and sewer project within budget.

The license was received from Canadian National to do the signage construction at Lakeshore Drive. The project will be ready to bid following review by the City Attorney. There is a \$750 license fee.

Work is continuing on the streetscape project. Detailed design plans should be ready soon.

The final recreation grant scoring results were received, and the DDA project is in the middle with a score of 330. The grant score lost 20 points because the project did not meet accessibilities requirements by not having specific dimensions listed on the site plans.

#### Ishpeming Business Association

Mr. Aeh said the Ladies Night Out was a successful event. The Christmas parade was delayed until Sunday due to bad weather.

#### Old Business

Mrs. Racine asked how much was spent for beautification this year. There is a \$40,500 beautification budget, and approximately \$25,000 was spent for contractual services. Mrs. Leaf did a number of things that had been neglected for years, including putting in new soil. Next year more perennials will be used, and the installation of the irrigation system at Old Ish Park will reduce the cost of wages.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier and seconded by Mrs. Racine to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Carol Holmgren  
Recording Secretary