

## **Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, November 22, 2021**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, November 22, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:05 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracy Magnuson, David Aro (via Zoom), Brian Buchanan, Sandy Arsenault, Jay Clancey (via Zoom), Rob Taylor, and Craig Cugini, (8). Absent: Eric Laksonen, Carrie Meyer, and Jason Chapman, (3). Also present were Linda Andriacchi and Bob Hendrickson.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Taylor, and carried unanimously to approve the September 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

With the absence of a Financial Director, the financial report for the period ending October 31, 2021 was distributed and reviewed by the Members. Member Aeh had no concerns after reviewing it. A motion was made by Member Magnuson, supported by Member Buchanan, and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

#### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi reported that all planters and hanging baskets were taken down. She has also submitted the flower order for next summer.

Ms. Andriacchi also accepted a donation of \$425.00 from Member Aeh to go to the Beautification Committee.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Bob Hendrickson, Greater Ishpeming Negaunee Chamber of Commerce Director, provided a brief update. The Chamber has had several new members join.

Ladies Night Out went extremely well. And November 22, 2021 was Small Business Appreciation night.

Mr. Hendrickson also presented the Chamber's Financial Report stating that the fund balance was at \$27,572.00.

#### INFORMATION SESSION

Member Aeh opened the Information Session at 4:23 p.m. on November 22, 2021.

There were no public questions or input.

Member Aeh closed the session at 4:26 p.m. on November 22, 2021.

ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS REPORT

Member Magnuson provided an update on local events. Ladies Night Out had twenty businesses participate and the event was very successful.

The Ishpeming Christmas parade is scheduled for Friday, November 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The parade will begin at the high rise and continue down Main Street. Manager Cugini also verified that the application for the Division Street closure had been submitted to MDOT.

Santa's House will be open for visitors every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. beginning December 16, 2021 until Christmas. Horse drawn sleigh rides will also be available during that time.

Member Magnuson also reported that port-a-potties have been rented and made available until December 23, 2021 near Santa's House.

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Cugini gave an update on the iron ore carts. They have been received and have been placed on rails around Lake Bancroft.

Member Aeh questioned the status of the Mather Inn. Manager Cugini stated that he was not aware of any changes. Member Clancy assured the members that even though it has not been winterized, as of yet, he would make sure that it didn't freeze.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Aeh announced that the West End Bike & Ski is now officially open for business.

The Anderson building has been put up for sale by Moyle. The building has been stabilized and a new roof was put on.

Interest has been shown in turning the old Symon's building into a multi-event center.

Manager Cugini informed Members that the City has applied for a grant through the EPA that would support a 4-6-month study that would analyze local outdoor recreation and how it would affect the downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:54 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Taylor and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Champion

Deputy Clerk