

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, January 24, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyer, Tracy Magnuson, Brian Buchanan, Jay Clancey, and Craig Cugini, (7). Absent: David Aro, Erick Laksonen, Rob Taylor, and Jason Chapman (4). Also present was Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC, Linda Andriacchi, and Tara Gluski, 906 Adventure Team.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to re-elect the same officers as 2021 for 2022: David Aeh, Chairperson; David Aro, Vice Chairperson; Treasurer position was currently vacant; and Sandy Arsenault, Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Magnuson supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to approve the November 22, 2021 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Member Cugini, supported by Member Arsenault 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 Arsenault, seconded by Member Magnuson 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 for 2022.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Bob Hendrickson, Chamber of Commerce Director, briefly summarized the Chamber report and advised the Chamber continues to move forward. The membership has been status quo for the last several years. There would be a ribbon cutting soon for Velodrome Coffee on Main Street. There was discussion related to retaining Chamber member and determine the reasons why members were dropping; he thanked the DDA for their continued support.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi advised beautification had been quiet to this point.

DISCUSSION WITH TARA GLUSKI, 906 ADVENTURE TEAM-MARJI GESICK EVENT FOR 2022

Tara Gluski, 906 Adventure Team advised the Marji Gesick event would be held on September 17th for 2022. There was discussion related to the event and the impact on the local business in the downtown.

Member Aeh felt the tents set up on Hematite and Main Street were set up too earlier and would like it to be set up a little later so it would not affect his business so early in the day; Ms. Gluski advised they have been reviewing the plan and will be adjusting the schedule.

Member Buchanan asked about the beer tent from Black Rocks and The Burger Bus for a food vendor; he would like to see some of the local Ishpeming business included. Ms. Gluski advised these two vendors were sponsors for the race; and staff does and would continue to contact local businesses to get them involved.

Member Arsenault advised the Gossard has a large area for registration if the 906 Adventure Team would like to have an indoor venue.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE USES/SALE OF CANDA STREET LOT

There was discussion related to the status of the Mather Inn property and delaying a decision with the lot until the status of the Mather Inn had been determined; also talked about was making the lot a nice green space; or putting the parcel up for sale to determine if there was any interest in the parcel.

A motion was made by Member Arsenault supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to place this item back on the March agenda for further discussion.

UPDATE ON AT&T BUILDING MURALS

Clerk Smith advised AT&T wanted to get information on how the murals would be installed, so that information was forwarded to AT&T. We were currently waiting for a response from the AT&T Real Estate Division.

ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Member Magnuson advised there was a very good turnout for visits with Santa again this year. She advised Gus Macker would be June 25th and 26th for 2022 and would very much like the Courts to be on Main Street so when the TV stations are present, the downtown is being publicized.

OLD BUSINESS - There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Cugini advised 2023 would be the 150-year anniversary of the City of Ishpeming. There was some discussion on having a celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:23 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager