

ISHPEMING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting of November 24, 2014

A meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, November 24, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Chairman David Aeh called the meeting to order.

Present: David Aeh, Diane Gauthier, David Aro, Judy Hodges, John Summerhill, Anne Giroux, Elaine Racine, Stuart Skauge arrived at 4:05 p.m., and Mark Slown. In addition, Jim Lampman was also present. Absent were Rosemarie Strom and Jason Gauthier.

Also in attendance were Chamber Director Kori Tosava, Councilwoman Claudia Demarest, and Ben Banfield from U.P. Engineers and Architects.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Slown, supported by Mr. Aro and carried unanimously to approve the October 27, 2014 minutes as presented.

Financial Report

Mr. Lampman presented the financial report which included summarizing the balance sheet and revenues and expenses. He also announced credit cards were being accepted at City Hall and by phone and this would be a convenience to everyone.

A motion was made by Mrs. Giroux, supported by Mrs. Gauthier, and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Mrs. Tosava gave an update on memberships, presentations in the media, Chamber services provided, and events held in October. Discussion took place pertaining to the Regional Arts Alliance and possible City involvement.

It was noted the Elks Club would be having a Christmas dinner on December 25th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and this should be added to the Dates to Remember in the report.

Downtown Streetscape (DIG Grant)

1. UPEA Report – Mr. Banfield provided an update for the Downtown Streetscape project. There was discussion as to whether all the items in the scope of work and the change order were in fact complete before the final pay request was authorized. Mr. Banfield advised all items in the scope of work for Lindberg were complete. A question was raised regarding the painting of the white lines at the crosswalks and in the parking lot near Edward D. Jones. Discussion followed on what was included in the scope of work and what was not. It was felt a procedure should be in place for approval of change orders on future projects.

2. Change Order #2 – After some brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Giroux, supported by Mr. Aro and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 as presented.
3. Final Payment Request – A motion was made by Mr. Aro, supported by Mr. Aeh and carried unanimously to approve the final payment application for A. Lindberg and Sons for the Downtown Streetscape project.

Ishpeming Business Association Report

Mr. Aeh and Mrs. Hodges reported Ladies Night was a success even given the bad weather. The annual Christmas Parade would be held on Main Street on Friday November 28th.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

David Savu Invoice - There was discussion if this would be the last invoice and some concern was raised as to the cost of the services. A motion was then made by Mr. Aro, supported by Mr. Skauge and carried unanimously to authorize payment of the invoice for services from David Savu.

116 Canda Street Property Acquisition – Mr. Slown advised the deed was received for the property and it had been recorded at the County Register of Deeds office. Discussion followed regarding the possibilities of use for the property. A motion was made by Mr. Skauge, supported by Mrs. Hodges and carried unanimously to submit an application to the County Brownfield Authority for 116 Canda Street.

Mr. Aeh felt the DDA Façade Grant was a 90% success. However he would like guidelines set for each project before the DDA releases dollars.

Mr. Aeh reported Peninsula Bank was being sold to M-Bank and he would like the bank to remain in Ishpeming. He asked if the City would send a welcome letter to M-Bank expressing the value of keeping the bank in our community.

Adjournment

At 5:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Skauge, supported by Mrs. Racine and carried unanimously to adjourn the DDA meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Smith