

**ISHPEMING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Meeting of January 26, 2015**

A meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, January 26, 2015, 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, Stuart Skauge, Judy Hodges, Anne Giroux, Claudia Demarest, and Mark Slown. Jim Lampman was also present. Absent were Rosemarie Strom and John Summerhill.

Also in attendance were Chamber Director Kori Tosava, Ben Banfield from U.P. Engineers and Architects, and George Meister and Alexa Young from GEI Consultants.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Slown and supported by Mrs. Giroux to elect David Aeh as Chairman, Stuart Skauge as Vice Chairman, Diane Gauthier as Secretary and Jim Lampman as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Aeh, supported by Mrs. Gauthier and carried unanimously to approve the November 24, 2014 minutes as presented.

Financial Report

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial report and indicated there was approximately \$165,000 in uncommitted bond proceeds.

Chamber Report

Mrs. Tosava reviewed the reports for December and January which included updates on memberships, chamber services, and events. She reported there were 240 members at the start of 2015.

Lake Bancroft Park

Mr. Skauge announced the DDA was awarded the grant from Cliffs Eagle Mine Marquette County Community Foundation in the amount of \$250,000. One stipulation of the grant was any work being done should reflect the history of the area. In addition, the Foundation would provide an additional \$25,000 for engineering and architectural services. George Meister from GEI Consultants was present to explain some of the services that GEI could provide. The DDA informed them a proper procurement process for the services would have to be followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Skauge, supported by Mrs. Giroux and carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the grant for \$250,000 from Cliff's Eagle Mine Marquette County Community Foundation and support the Lake Bancroft project.

Request for Funds from the Renaissance Festival, Rock and Mineral Club, and Ishpeming Fourth of July Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Aro, supported by Mr. Slown and carried unanimously to approve all three requests for \$500 as presented.

Main Street Utility Project – Final Change Order and Final Payment Request

After some brief discussion regarding the project, a motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier, supported by Mrs. Demarest and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,450.50 for the Main Street Utility Project as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier, supported by Mr. Aeh and carried unanimously to approve the Final Payment Request for the Main Street Utility project in the amount of \$18,388.71.

116 E. Canda Street Property

There was discussion regarding the cost involved in the demolition of the building, concerns raised by the neighbors, and the potential reuse of the property. In addition, it was pointed out by Mr. Slown that the deed to the property needs to be in the DDA's name not the City's. Mr. Jilbert has agreed to have the deed redone and he has also agreed to pay the taxes due for the property.

After the environmental review, a decision would be made as to whether the property would be accepted or not. At that point, it may be worth talking with Mr. Jilbert about contributing towards the demolition.

Façade Grant Projects

Mr. Slown gave a brief update on the façade grant projects: School of Cosmetology, Globe Printing, and Personal Touch.

Resolution to become a Redevelopment Ready Community

Mr. Slown asked for this item to be removed from the agenda at this time.

Ishpeming Business Association Report

Mr. Aeh advised all the Christmas events downtown were a success and reported there was a very large turnout for the Live Nativity event.

Old Business

There was discussion regarding the garden outside City Hall and other beautification projects that have been done throughout the City. It was suggested the Beautification Committee be invited to the next DDA meeting to discuss beautification.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier, supported by Mrs. Demarest and carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary