

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority**

**Minutes**

**Monday, May 23, 2016**

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The special meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, May 23, 2016 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, David Aro, Sandy Arsenault, Anne Giroux, Judy Hodges, Claudia Demarest and Mark Slown (7). Absent: Jay Clancey, Diane Gauthier, and Carrie Meyer (3). Also present was Jim Lampman, Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council members Joe Juidici, Mike Tall, and Justin Koski, Matt Treado from UPEA, and Brian and Darlene Watts.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

110 CANDA STREET

Mr. Lampman explained most of the \$8,800 in the promotions line had already been encumbered and the balance remaining was \$1,700; the allocations from the promotions line item approved at the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting would not be covered.

Matt Treado summarized the code requirements as stated by the County Building Codes Department. The approximate costs to bring the east wall into code compliance was approximately \$5,000. He further explained this was not a legal determination by the Codes Official.

A motion was made by Mrs. Giroux, supported by Mr. Slown and carried unanimously to rescind the motion made at the May 13, 2016 DDA meeting authorizing \$1,700 for repairs to the east wall of 110 Canda Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Slown and supported by Mrs. Giroux to authorize from fund balance the not to exceed amount of \$5,000 for the repairs of the east wall at 110 Canda Street and bring the portion of the wall, exposed by the demo, up to Code requirements as mandated by the Code Official. Ayes: Members Aeh, Aro, Arsenault, Hodges, Giroux, and Slown (6). Nays: Member Demarest (1). Motion passed.

Mrs. Giroux expressed her disappointment with not being aware of the code requirements before the last meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Demarest and supported by Mrs. Hodges to waive the attorney client privileged information from the April 25, 2016 meeting. Aye: Members Demarest and Hodges (2). Nays: Aeh, Aro, Arsenault, Giroux, and Slown (5). Motion failed.

No determination regarding what to do with the property has been made to date.

Mr. Treado apologized for the miscommunication with the Codes Department and advised there would be no additional fees for the extra work being done. They would follow this project through to the end.

ROUNDAABOUT NIWA POLE RELOCATION

As stated in the motion from the May 13, 2016 meeting, the \$1,100 for the relocation of the NIWA pole would be allocated from the promotions line item. No action was required.

CUPPAD “PROSPEROUS PLACES” GRANT MATCH

Mr. Slown briefly reviewed the purpose of the grant and what the grant application included for the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. The grant was awarded for \$5,000 and the match was \$5,000. If the grant was declined the funds would be awarded to another agency.

Justin Koski, Ski Hall of Fame, advised this was a bonus grant for the Ski Hall and if the money was not available from the DDA at this time, perhaps in the future they could raise additional funds and coordinate with the DDA to purchase a kiosk for the site to direct more people to the downtown area.

A motion was made by Mr. Slown, supported by Mrs. Arsenault and carried unanimously to rescind the original motion to use \$5000 from the promotion line item because of lack of funds available.

A motion was made by Mr. Aro, supported by Mr. Aeh and carried unanimously to continue to pursue the grant, but the funding for the match would come from the Ski Hall of Fame, or the grant would be regretfully declined.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:45 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Aro, supported by Mr. Aeh and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary