

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, March 28, 2016**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, March 28, 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, Jay Clancy, Judy Hodges, Anne Giroux, Diane Gauthier, Rosemarie Strom, Claudia Demarest, and Mark Slown (10). Absent: Carrie Meyer (1). Also present was Jim Lampman, Mayor Mike Tonkin, Tom West, Justin Koski, and Matt Treado from UPEA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: - There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Sandy Arsenault, supported by Claudia Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the February 22, 2016 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Lampman reviewed and summarized the financial report for the period ending February 29, 2016. A motion was made by Claudia Demarest, supported by Anne Giroux, and carried unanimously to receive and file the financial report as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Beautification Spring Kickoff Poster is available for businesses to display in their windows. The Kickoff is on March 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Country Grill.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

No report. It was noted that Kori Tossava has left her position with the Chamber. She has taken a position with UPAWS.

LAKE BANCROFT GRANT REQUEST:

The DDA was asked to contribute \$2500.00 towards the grant application fee. If the grant was approved, the \$2,500 would be paid back to the DDA. The money would come out of the Promotions budget. A motion was made by David Aeh to contribute the \$2,500 towards the match for the MSU Sustainable Built Environment grant for the Lake Bancroft area. Motion was supported by Jay Clancey. Motion passed unanimously.

BLIGHT ELIMINATION GRANT:

A motion was made by Claudia Demarest to approve Amendment #2 for the UPEA contract in regards to 116 Canda St., not to exceed \$1800.00. Supported by David Aeh. Motion carried unanimously.

An additional motion was made by Claudia Demarest to award the demolition bid for 116 Canda St. to Associated Contractors (\$32,000). Motion was supported by David Aeh. Motion carried unanimously.

BROWNFIELD TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Mark Slown mentioned the upcoming Brownfield training opportunity available in Escanaba on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. The training was free.

**ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT:**

Report tabled by David Aeh.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom West and Justin Koski from the National Ski Hall of Fame presented a request to the DDA for a monetary donation of \$32,500 to be used for their Gateway Project. The Round-About Project would make some significant changes to their property. The Ski Hall of Fame would like to acquire funds to expand the parking lot, update lighting, improve landscaping, and erect a ski jumping statue. Estimated project cost is \$120,000. Payment for the statue would be acquired through a fundraising project. (Estimated at \$60,000). Currently \$53,000 has been raised towards the project. Mr. Lampman was consulted as to the whether this was a feasible request. Mr. Lampman stated that the DDA's budget was pretty tight through 2019 and that he saw deficit spending in the near future. The Ski Hall of Fame would like to be notified of a commitment by May. The DDA Board would like to have more discussion on the request. A motion to table was made by David Aro and supported by Claudia Demarest. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

At 5:44 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Sandy Arsenault and supported by Claudia Demarest. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Champion  
Recording Secretary