

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, September 26, 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, Jay Clancey, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyers, Rose Strom (arrived at 4:30), Claudia Demarest and Mark Slown (8). Absent: Teresa Perry, Anne Giroux and Diane Gauthier (3). Also present was Jim Lampman, Linda Andriacchi, Danielle LaCavalla, and David Thibeault from the Rainbow Bar.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2016. A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Aeh and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Linda Andriacchi reported after inspecting the baskets from this year, she talked with Nagelkirk's, and they would provide a \$951 credit for 2017; so she would give them another chance and purchase some of the baskets from there next year. Mrs. Andriacchi and Danielle LaCavalla, from the Chamber, discussed the proposed 2017 beautification fundraiser. It was felt the donation amount for the hanging baskets should be reduced to \$75 and language should be added stating "Any and all donations are welcome. Payable to the City of Ishpeming – Beautification". Donations for the beautification of the roundabout should also be added. The fundraiser should be sent out the beginning of March.

There was some brief discussion on the hiring of a part time person for beautification in 2017. Mr. Slown was waiting for a response from the Union regarding this issue.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. LaCavalla highlighted the Chamber of Commerce report and stated there was a very good turnout for the Marji Gesick and the event went very well. She also noted the ribbon cutting at the new store in the Gossard, Uptown Gifts would be on Thursday, September 28th; reminded everyone of the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner to be held at the Wawonowin Country Club on October 20th; and was very excited for the upcoming Super Tour event to be held at Al Quaal on February 17-19, 2017.

Mr. Slown asked if any members were interested in the 4 tickets available for the DDA. Member Arsenault and Member Meyers would use the tickets.

RAINBOW BAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Slown advised Al Pierce would provided the language necessary for the sidewalk easement and Matt Treado offered any help as needed. Staff was working on the agreement.

Mr. Thibeault advised he received a bid of approximately \$3,800 for the brick repairs to his building; he questioned the necessity for a 6 foot sidewalk; and he would be fine with receiving a quit claim deed for the property in the

name of Shelly's Rainbow Bar Incorporated. He advised it would depend on the cost of the sidewalk before he could make a decision on purchasing the property.

REVERSE SIDE OF GATEWAY SIGN

A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the back side of the gateway sign with the language "Thank you for visiting Ishpeming" and accept the quote as presented with the slight increase of changing "Thanks" to "Thank you".

APPROVE PAYMENT FOR US 41 ROUNDABOUT IRRIGATION SYSTEM

There was discussion regarding beautification of the roundabout, the types of plants to be used, and the irrigation system.

A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to approve the installation of the irrigation system for the US 41 Roundabout from fund balance in the not to exceed amount of \$3,200.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Aeh advised the IBA was very happy with the Marji Gesick event and thanked everyone for all their help and input to make the event a success. The IBA was preparing a brochure listing retail business and restaurants available in the Ishpeming.

He also reported the IBA had received some complaints from new business owners in the downtown regarding some business employees parking on Main Street instead of the various parking lots in town and taking up spaces for their customers.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the Christmas lights for the upcoming Christmas season and if only the working decorations could be hung in more strategic locations around town.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slown provided an update on the Lake Bancroft pavilion and the recently received Blight Elimination Grant. The DDA thanked Steve Snowaert for his continued work on the rentals in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:50 p.m., a motion was made by Member Demarest supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary