

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, January 23, 2017**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, January 23, 2017 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyers, Rose Strom, Teresa Perry, Anne Giroux, Justin Koski, David Aro, and Mark Slown (9). Absent: Jay Clancey (1). Also present was Jim Lampman, Mike Tonkin, Linda Andriacchi, and David Thibeault.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Member Arsenault nominated David Aeh for Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Member Giroux. Nominations were closed and a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to appoint David Aeh to Chair.

Member Aeh nominated Dave Aro for Vice Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Member Arsenault. Nominations were closed and a motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to appoint Dave Aro to Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Strom and carried unanimously to appoint Jim Lampman as Treasurer.

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Aeh and carried unanimously to appointment Sandy Arsenault as Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Member Slown, supported by Member Aeh and carried unanimously to approve the November 28, 2016 minutes as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2016. He noted these were not the final numbers for 2016, adjustment were still in process. A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Meyer and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Linda Andriacchi reported on some of the details for the 2017 beautification effort; and talked about the Beautification Fund Raiser noting she would be contacting the press to try and get some free publicity. Danielle LaCavalla advised some of the flyers would be hand delivered to various businesses.

Discussion also took place on hiring a part time employee for Beautification and the process that would be followed.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Danielle LaCavalla thanked the City for their contribution to the Chamber for 2017. She further summarized the January Chamber report noting upcoming events: Western Marquette County Foundation-Night at the Inn on January 28<sup>th</sup> and the Super Tour Nordic Ski Event on February 17-19<sup>th</sup>.

EVENT APPLICATION: 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COMMITTEE

Member Slown explained a letter was mailed to the past recipients of the event grants which explained the DDA budget had been reduced and funds were limited. Discussion followed on who received the grants in the past and the amounts received.

A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to approve the Event Grant application from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee in the amount of \$250 for 2017 versus the \$500 requested because this event is very important to the community, and to include a letter of explanation as to why the amount was reduced.

RAINBOW BAR UPDATE

Member Aeh advised David Thibeault would like to obtain the lot, but he did not want to pay and maintain a sidewalk through the site; it was suggested the DDA could reserve the western 5-6 feet of the site for a path/sidewalk. In addition, the fence should not be too close to the sidewalk and the fence should perhaps look traditional, not rustic. He would also like to have a couple of parking spaces on the site along with an outdoor deck. Mr. Thibeault advised he had contacted Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator, and would be meeting with him again.

A motion was made by Member Slown, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to authorize the concept of the plan submitted by Mr. Thibeault and authorize creation of a purchase agreement contingent upon meeting City Zoning Ordinance regulations and the DDA not conveying 5-6 feet on the west side of the lot that would be used for a path/sidewalk.

GATEWAY SIGN UPDATE

Member Slown reported the landscaping and the back of the gateway sign would be completed in the spring. He also advised he was checking into solar powered lights for illumination at night.

ADOPT 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to adopt the 2017 meeting schedule as presented.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Member Aeh advised the IBA had not held a meeting but an event grant application would be submitted for the IBA events.

OLD BUSINESS - There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the PCBM properties.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:15 p.m., a motion was made by Member Aro supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary