

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
January 18, 2016

Members Present: Weiler, Schwalm, O'Brien, Rosczyk, Anderson (via Skype), Hodges, Legg, Lippert, Weiss, Adams

Excused: Jock

Absent: Norton, Spangler

Others Present: Dan Fishell

Motion by Weiler with support from Adams to accept the Secretary's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hodges with support from Legg to approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor motion carried.

Treasures Report:	through 1-15-2016
Cash on Hand	\$ 264,108.69
Higgins Twp.-Tax Distribution	\$ 27,316.71
Interest 12/30/15	\$11.88
	\$ 291,437.28
Accounts Payable: New Bills	
AuSable River Center	\$ 300.00
Ending Balance	\$291,137.28

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers Report – John reported there has not been any setbacks with the water, the hope is that by mid-year we will return to un-chlorinated water. The DPW staff is good and has potential. This will be a good year to get caught up on some projects such as the paving and sidewalk projects. Regarding the eminent domain case John may need to seek legal counsel. John asked for comments on the snow removal and sidewalks so far this winter. Tim commented on a few places the sidewalks are getting shut off. John will take a look at the areas mentioned.

Façade Grant – The façade committee reviewed St. Vincent DePaul's request everything looks good to proceed with new signage all around the building. The total cost is \$1760 approved for \$880. Motion by Rosczyk second by Adams to approve the façade grant for St Vincent DePaul. All in favor motion carried.

DDA Taskforce – Erine has some info on Wi-Fi and is still working on getting more info. On June 25th an empty building walking tour to talk about potential ideas has been scheduled. Grayling is looking to expand their farm market indoors with a kitchen and slaughter house, maybe be something we watch to see if it might be of interest to expand ours in the future. Motion by Adams, second by Hodges to pay up to \$500 for logo development. Motion passed.

Sidewalks and Streetscapes – Electrical outlets still a problem with the decorations this year.

Website – Jim had a meeting to discuss the website and to continue with it. Jim misunderstood and thought the village was uploading the DDA minutes etc. Pictures of completed façade grant projects should also be part of the site. DDA members will submit to Erine items for the website she will approve the content and then forward it to Scott to place on the website. E-mail Erine info for the website such as minutes, façade pictures and real estate. We still need to place the board member profiles and up-dated pictures on the website as well.

Wi-Fi – Already reported above.

OLD BUSINESS

Wallace Park and Hilltop walkway - John is working on the Eminent Doman.

DDA map update –. Have a revised map but it is not the final copy.

Volunteer/Trustee Service coordinator 2015/2016 John spoke with Dewey Barber at the County as a possibility. What does the DDA want this person to coordinate as far as projects? Possibly things such as clean up the streets every couple weeks, the small things. Show of hands everyone would like John to proceed with coordinating. Keep on agenda to discuss the types of things we want them to do.

Benches downtown – Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

TIF Report – Jim will do a 2 year report and work on it this month and then I forward what we need in the newspaper to Tom Obrien.

Logo/marketing plan – see above covered in DDA taskforce

Tour of empty buildings – see above covered in DDA taskforce

FUTURE PROJECTS – Nothing to report.

Dan Fishell wants to know how to get gas to water the flowers since he can't charge gas at the Sunny Spot. Dan isn't going to order flowers if he can't charge gas. Suggestion of a prepaid credit card for Dan to charge the gas for the flowers. This is an item that needs to go back to the village to make a motion and decision on.

LIAISON REPORTS – Village nothing to report. Township is still having a lot of blight issues. They are researching new phones for the fire hall. Chamber needs Winterfest volunteers particularly for the day off the event still need volunteers and connections. John reported Lear has an attorney that filed a petition to have their township taxes lowered. The Village was named and it should have been the Township. The Village and the Township need to coordinate on this project. The Village has a lot of funds at stake as well. Needs to be a conversation at the Village meeting to make sure everyone is aware of this issue.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14. Motion by Weiss. All in favor.