

**ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Anderson, Village President Adams, Dodge, Karjalainen, Mires, O'Brien, Norton, Schwalm, Spangler, Legg, Weiss

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Edwards, Bev Luther, Janae Ostling, Allen Lowe, Doug Hodges, Dave Pflum

Motion by Norton with support from Legg to approve Secretary's Report with Hull Building Center correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Spangler with support from O'Brien to approve Treasurer's Report with cash on hand in the amount of \$250,114.68 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$14,729.93, and additional bills for train club project in the amount of \$1,532.89. New total \$16,262.82. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT**

Letter from Higgins Township attorney requesting funding to help pay for cost of appraisal for Beverly L. Nester tax tribunal case. DDA would like a request directly from the Township board.

**FAÇADE GRANTS**

Motion by Norton with support from Schwalm to approve grant applications for Roscommon Area Historical Society in the amount of \$2,291.25, and Sue Jock for \$5,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Spangler with support from Weiss to approve \$4,500.00 payment towards Performance Propane sign. Still working on electrical, will bring final receipts when project is completed. All in favor, motion carried.

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Update from Dave; Project is moving along, and some speakers will be in place for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but it may not be completed.

**DOUG HODGES – FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL UPDATE**

Committee put out a magazine this year instead of a newspaper.

Festival is three months from today.

Electrical service needs to be updated, and it is a \$12,000.00 project. The County would not allow committee to cross their property to complete project. Firemen's Memorial Committee tried to purchase the property, but the County would not sell it to them.

Village is working with the County and Festival Committee to solve this issue.

HME contacted MFMFC and wants to discuss options on promoting the Festival, and drawing even more people into the community.

**FARM MARKET**

Market is moving along, very successful!!

**RAILROAD PROJECT**

Project is approximately 60% completed.

### **SIDEWALKS AND STREETSCAPES**

President Anderson spoke with Tim O'Rourke, and expressed how important the sidewalks are to the DDA.

Village is going to move forward with engineering for sidewalk project.

### **WEB CAM COMMITTEE**

EDC is holding a meeting tomorrow to discuss options for possible grant funds towards web cams.

### **VILLAGE**

Village Planning Commission voted last week to recommend the rezoning of the Village owned M-18 property to allow office buildings.

Village Planning Commission is also looking at amending the zoning ordinance to allow for restaurants in downtown.

Committee was created by Village Council to work on Recreation Plan.

### **HIGGINS TOWNSHIP**

Discussion on possible purchase of tornado siren for community.

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Motion by Spangler with support from O'Brien to approve \$650 for Chamber of Commerce advertising for art festival. All in favor, motion carried.

Doe Day June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sunrise Run had approximately 450 runners.

Motion by Norton with support from Dodge to adjourn meeting at 10:00a.m.