

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BOARD MINUTES

December 19, 2016

Members Present: Schwalm, O'Brien, Rosczyk, Weiler, Jock, Legg, Weiss, Hodges, Alden

Excused: Erine, Jim

Absent: Roy Spangler, Norton

Others Present: Diane Love-Suvada, Dan Scow, Mark Walling

Motion by Sue Jock with support from John Rosczyk to accept the Secretary's report. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Sue second by John to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Thru 12/16/16)

Cash on Hand	\$273,095.36
Higgins Twp	\$93.52
Interest 11/30/16	\$23.62
	\$273,212.50
Bills Paid per previous approval	
Michigan Downtown Association Dues	\$250.00
Account Payable-New Bills	
AuSable River Center	\$300.00
Village of Roscommon –John's 4 th Q Stipend	\$4,062.50
GroGreen-1 st Inst Snow Plowing	\$6,825.00
Village of Roscommon	\$62.99
Consumer Energy-CRAF Center	\$80.08
Advanced Chemical Supply-Trash Can Liners	\$99.35
The Laundry Tub-Banner washing	\$26.25
Diane Suvada-Sawmill Contract	\$1162.19
(\$3143.59 -\$862.16 + \$300 (T-Shirts-Two Rare Design) = \$1981.43)	
Ending Balance	\$260,344.14

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT - Tom is passing the info from Kelly on to DDA regarding legislation issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Managers Report – There is a continuing decline in property taxes due to loss of personal property tax that hasn't been replaced by the State of Michigan. The effect of this is approximately a \$10,000 - \$12,000 decline. Tuesday there will be a meeting with Tim from the Road Commission regarding a bridge over the AuSable River at the Park. MDOT will be coming to talk regarding funds available.

Façade Grants – Nothing new to report.

RED – Roscommon Economic Development

Empty Building – Nothing new

Beautification Committee – Nothing new

Business Support Networking – Will be part of the Sawmill project.

Marketing and Branding – Nothing to report.

Sidewalks and Streetscapes – Andrea asked if there are problems with the banners if someone can contact the streets and sidewalks committee to let the committee know. For example if the banners need to be washed and a bill is going to be sent to the DDA to pay, it should be run past the committee first.

Website – Nothing new

Sawmill Rural Business Center – Activities Report presented. Motion by Phil Weiler to approve a 6 month contract presented by the Saw Mill pending a legal review of the contract and council approval. Second by Tim Legg. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Lighthouse walkway – Update from Sue with a comment that this project should be re-assessed in the future with the knowledge that the bridge over the AuSable river may happen. There was discussion that we need to make sure we are looking at the projects needed and getting them ready to ask for funding. We need to prepare and have a plan for the redevelopment needed in order to secure future grants and funds for the projects we want support. A possible separate session to discussion future projects would be beneficial for planning and preparing for projects.

Lear Township Assessment – John presented that the net effect is \$52,000 in taxable value and a \$247,000 adjustment in assessed value.

Electric Car Charging Station – No new word from Consumers.

Branding and Marketing - Sue reported ideas to tie up loose ends.

Parking for Fifth Street and Lake – Possible discussion in the up-coming work session along with other projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Three Year Term Appointments – Yes from all up for renewal, it has to go to council for final approval.

Election of officers Motion by Phil second by Sue to have the officers continue in their current positions. All in favor motion approved.

Iron Bell Trail - Sue reported they have an engineering grant to look at the trail route and barriers and what would be needed for funding from there they can make a plan. Motion by Sue Jock second by Doug Hodges to support the Iron Bell Trail in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 if needed for the engineering grant. Motion approved.

FUTURE PROJECTS – Nothing new to report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Township – Nothing to report.

Chamber – Poker walk went well. Winterfest is the next focus.

Doug report that the Christmas in the Village parade was very well attended.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25. Motion by John. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Next month's meeting will be on January 23rd 7:00 work session followed by 8:00 regular meeting.