

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
July 20th, 2015

Members Present: Jock, Weiss, Weiler, Schwalm, O'Brien, Norton, Legg, Adams, Spangler, Rosczyk

Excused: Anderson, Hodges, Lippert

Others Present: Dan Fishell, Vickie Sheathelm

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT Dan Fishell commented that the stain is for the fence not the flower boxes as the minutes stated. He possibly needs another gallon. Another gallon will be purchased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Façade Grant – Nothing from the Mini Mart yet. Lions club hasn't started. No other outstanding grants.

DDA Taskforce – Erine gave an up-date. Greg Gaylor Jr. has an idea to fill all three buildings downtown and is currently working on a business plan. The plan includes the possibility of a meat market, wine room and outdoor sports store. Greg would like to coordinate a plan to set a theme for the downtown area.

M-18 Forwards purchase agreement is signed. They were asked to commit to placing a privacy screen within 18 months.

Sidewalks and Streetscapes - No bill yet for tree trimming.

Website - Jim is following thru with Todd Jansen

Farm Market – Very busy. We have a new vendor that feels our market is the best in the area.

OLD BUSINESS

Wallace Park to Hilltop walkway - On hold until next year. Working on plans getting ready for bids.

DDA map update - Nicole is following thru on this it is still in the works.

Board of Education Offices – John Rosczyk talked to Cathy regarding the issue over language of environmental clean-up. Sounds like we are moving.

Goal setting - Village council and DDA goal setting is still on John's list there just hasn't been time yet to devote to the planning process.

NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk repairs - Tom asked if the village is doing any sidewalk repairs. The Chase bank section of curbing needs attention. John talked to Road Commission there is no budget to fix that kind of situation. If we don't fix it won't get fixed. We would need to get permission. Village typically puts together plan and the DDA contributes to the plan. We would have money in the budget since the Hilltop won't happen this year. John asked for any ideas or suggestions to be forwarded on to him.

Relocate the Village sound system - We have a request from the Chamber to relocate the equipment to the new Chamber office. Kurtis will work on getting a price and getting the changes done. Equipment needs to be flip flopped.

Colonial Parking Lot Sale - Two parties are interested in it for a small restaurant. Abbey Moniz sent a letter they have been approved by Subway. They offered a lower price because the lot is smaller than desired. Second person Steve with another company also interested in bringing in a Subway. Total cost for the Colonial site was \$64,595.59. Demo was about \$39,000 of that. Jock would like to recoup the \$40,000 back. Norton made motion to counter offer at \$40,000 and provide the spreadsheet of what we have into. Second by Jock. Roll count vote 2 opposed 7 in favor. Motion passed.

We will accept a \$40,000 bid. Tom will get back with both parties. Purchase agreement needs to be drawn up. John will work with Tom to work on the purchase agreement. All in favor.

State Tax Commission Report - We received a notice we need to submit a report annually. Since Janae left it has not been done. Andrea will work with Shelly and Jim to see if she can get some numbers together to complete it.

Snow Plowing – Bill had brought up the option of the village doing it. John would like input on whether to keep it in the Village and DPW. If the Village is going to do it we will need to find and invest in good equipment.

Future Projects - Kurtis threw out an idea of a water park. This could be a good idea especially with the swimmers itch problem in the lakes. Jock commented she has had calls for a place to take kids to a water park. There is a lot involved with a water park. The Recreation Committee is considering it.

Additional Parking - John brought up an idea that was brought to his attention. Should the parking along the south side of the rail road track behind the restaurants be expanded further East (behind BC) The challenge would be the hill.

LIAISON REPORTS - Village nothing to report. Township nothing to report. Chamber - new employee starts next month. Riverfest was a success lots of participation. John wondered if the Riverfest should be further away from the timing of the Art Festival. Many felt Riverfest would be ideal in August.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07. Motion by Norton. Second by Weiler. All in favor.