

**ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2012**

Members Present: President Anderson, Village Council President Adams, Karjalainen, Legg, Weiss, O'Brien, Schwalm, Nester, Weiler

Others Present: Connie Allen, Doug Hodges, Bob Edwards, Sarah Madonna, Janae Ostling, James Ostling, Dan Fishel

Motion by O'Brien with support from Nester to approve January minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by O'Brien with support from Nester to approve Treasurer's report with bills totaling \$1,100.30. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from Diane Ocenasek looking for grants to help save the Laundry Tub. President Anderson forwarded email to Rosalie Myers and a couple other individuals he believed might be able to help. Letter received requesting help with moving the Turney house. Letter forwarded to Todd Jansen.

FACADE GRANT

Still an outstanding grant application for Randy's Mobile Auto Repair. Committee will meet to discuss.

SPRING BANNERS

Sarah Madonna from Kirtland was in attendance to discuss coordinating spring banners with Kirtland art department. Motion by Schwalm with support from Karjalainen to hold contest with Kirtland art department to design a new spring banner with a prize of \$100 to winner. All in favor, motion carried.

MASONIC TEMPLE & TURNEY HOUSE SALE

Closing took place a week ago.

DISTRICT LIBRARY

The friends of the library group held a wine tasting party yesterday, very nice event.

DOUG HODGES

Doug Hodges thanked the DDA on behalf of the Fireman's Memorial for their advertising contribution. Doug also offered the DDA one of Fireman Memorial's live advertising slots on 9&10news. Fireman's Memorial gave DDA a \$2,500.00 contribution towards the new sound system.

BUSINESS EXPO

The business expo will be May 16th. Connie Allen requested \$880 in advertising funds for this event. Motion by Schwalm with support from Legg to contribute \$880 towards business expo advertising with 9&10news. All in favor, motion carried. Weiss abstained

FARM MARKET

President Adams will take on farm market this year. The market will be held on Saturday's this year. President Adams will meet with Rosalie regarding possible grant opportunities.

RAILROAD CLUB PROJECT

Railroad club acquired a mini riding train that they have restored, and would like to coordinate with the farm market and run the train on the vacant pieces of property located on same block as River Center building. Before the DDA can vote, a couple things need to be determined; who will be insuring the property, and how much it will cost? Is the Village Council on board with the use of Village owned property on that block? President Anderson wants to hear feedback from Chamber of Commerce, RMRA, and the Village Council.

WI-FI

Dan Fishel reported that he cannot pick up WI-FI in town except for at Wallace Park. Dan contacted M-33 access. President Anderson will contact M-33.

INDUSTRIAL PARK & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Discussion on engineering in the industrial park for water & sewer. President Anderson believes there may have been some preliminary engineering completed several years ago when new roads were developed.

MISSION STATEMENT – FUTURE PROJECTS

Discussion on developing mission statement. Thoughts and ideas will be discussed at March meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Successful Winterfest. Broomball was won by an out of town team. Business after hours will be March 8th at the Kirtland student center from 5:30-8:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Ostling gave kudos to the DDA for all the great things that they have done for the Village and the community, and stated that without the DDA many of the things that have been accomplished would not have been possible.

Bob Edwards commented on how well Jim Anderson represented DDA at the last Village Council meeting.

Motion by Nester with support from Weiss to adjourn the meeting at 10:10am. All in favor, motion carried.

*These minutes subject to approval at next scheduled DDA meeting.