

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
September 17, 2018

Members Present: Tammy Schwalm, Tom O'Brien, Doug Hodges, Jim Anderson, Sue Jock, Mike Walker, Roy Spangler, Andrea Weiss, Ron Alden, Phil Weiler, Lonnie Wilkerson

Excused: Doug Hodges, Cecil Scow

Absent: Tim Legg

Others Present: Diane Love-Suvada, Bob Edwards, Marci Dankert, Dan Scow, Mike Miller

Motion by Roy Spangler with support from Andrea Weiss to accept the Secretary's report. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Tammy Schwalm Second Phil Weiler to approve the Treasurer's report with the exception of MFM payment until we discuss the payment in the meeting under new business. All in favor motion carried.

Thru 9/14/18)	Treasurer's report	
Cash on Hand		\$256,129.95
Deposit –Higgins Twp		\$20,881.72
Interest 8/30/18		\$22.43
		\$277,034.10
Bills Approved Prior Month		
Ck #1032 approved for \$600 S/B \$2200-Wolfe Co.		\$1,600.00
Ck #1040 Wolfe Company		\$600.00
Bills for Approval		
Ck #1041 Marcie Dankert		\$439.45
Ck #1042 Mark Walling		\$660.00
Ck #1043 Wolfe Company		\$2,200.00
	Ending Balance	\$271,534.65

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT – MDA State wide conference October 11-12 at Frankenmuth MI
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers Report - October 24th RRC will meet to look over the survey results to develop goals and strategies to move forward. The 5 families are invited to attend as well the meeting is 6 to 7 at the Village Hall. Some blight issues have been resolved if we see anything that needs to be addressed let Ron Alden know. Village Hall hours are going to stay the same. Four ten-hour days Monday – Thursday's. DPW hours are five eight-hour days. The combined DDA Village website, is a work in progress it is a process and it is on track. This is the last month of the shared dumpster with the township. The Village is purchasing a used vacuum truck to replace the old one they currently have. There is a purchase agreement for lot 30 in the Industrial park. The plan is for a pole barn structure by an individual looking to create more rental houses in the area. He is looking to rent out the other half of the property. The council approved the purchase of four cameras at Wallace Park at a total cost of just under \$8,000. Ron is seeking grants for a defibulator for the entranceway of the Village. The old AuSable Drug is in the process of being purchased. The new owner is looking to convert it to weekend or week-long apartments and rent the units out for 3 to 7 days.

Façade Grant – Two Rare design has started the work. Motion by Roy Spangler, second by Jim Anderson to make a payment of \$5,000 to McKee Storage for façade grant.

Sidewalks and Streetscapes – Nothing to report.

Website – As reported in Managers report.

Sawmill – Diane Love-Suvada provided a report on the past month activities and up-coming events.

Farm market- Marci Dankert reported the new banners are up in the village. The market typically has five produce vendors and the rest are craft items. She has been seeing a total of about 20 vendors. October 6th will be the last weekend for the market. She has had a little push back from a few vendors and may consider going a little longer.

Economic Development Coordinator – Mark Walling was not present but submitted a report and invoice for the EDC.

OLD BUSINESS

Lighthouse - Pavement has been done.

Iron Bell Trail – Nothing new to report. There will be a meeting 1:30 in Gaylord Sept 24th

Dead Shrubs at Welcome sign – Completed.

Mural relocation – Currently the murals are in storage at Tom O’Brien’s garage. St. Vincent DePaul has approved installation on their building. Kurtis also offered his building.

Corner Drug Store Property – SOLD

EXIT 239 & 244 - Ron Alden is researching. The reason we don’t see additional signage off the highway is because the steps involved and the costs to do it.

NEW BUSINESS

Village resident board member replacement – Let Tom O’Brien know if we have any suggestions for a replacement.

Train Club Supporter - Revisit this request next month after Sue Jock and Bob Edwards get together and explore all options for insurance for the train rides.

Girls Night Out & Shop Small Sat. - Motion by Roy Spangler with second by Mike Walker for \$800 in advertising in the Houghton Lake Resorter and radio advertising for the Girls Night Out event in the Village. Motion approved.

Hiawatha Canoe Livery – Property is for sale. There are many possibilities for this property if the Village was interested in purchasing it. There could be the opportunity to bring in some income. Current price is \$159,000 includes the house and all four parcels. Ideas suggested were food trucks and table, the house could be a welcome center and sell merchandise. Roy Spangler suggested seeking grants from land and water conservation fund. The Michigan land trust offers a 50/50 match. Motion by Tom O’Brien, with support from Jim Anderson that the DDA support the Village pursuing the purchase of 1113 Lake Street. Motion Approved.

Billboard renew contract - Other lease options will be explored; the contract is not up until November. DDA will discuss at a future meeting prior to November whether we want to renew or have found a less expensive option.

Future projects – Ron Alden would like to consider using hanging baskets of flowers on the light poles in the future. This brings attention not just to the ground but higher up when people are going through town. NuCraft could design a bracket that we could use on the light poles to hang the baskets.

LIAISON REPORTS – Chamber is getting ready for Girls Night out and small Sat shopping. Witches are the theme.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00. Motion by Mike Walker with support by Tammy Schwalm. All in favor.