

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 20TH, 2014

Members Present: President Adams, President Anderson, Hodges, Jock, Spangler, O'Brien, Norton, Legg, Weiller, Schwalm, Dodge, Weiss

Others Present: Dan Fishel, Lowell Cage, Kelly Annis, Janae Ostling, John Rosczyk

Motion by Spangler with support from Norton to approve Treasurer's Report with cash on hand in the amount of \$175,764.23, and to pay bills as presented with addition of NuCraft bill in the amount of \$636.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by O'Brien with support from Norton to approve Secretary's Report from September as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT

Letters received from an unhappy vendor at Fireman's Memorial Festival.

DDA Conference in Holly.

Invitation to attend a commemoration ceremony for the Richardson Schoolhouse to be held November 2nd from 2-4.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL THROUGH VILLAGE

Lowell Cage discussed appropriate signage, and trails for snowmobiles in the Village.

Sue Jock spoke on discussions with the recreation committee in regards to establishing a connecting trail route going through the Village.

Recreation Committee should have a recommendation to the Village Council for their next meeting. DDA will put this on their agenda for the November meeting.

EMPTY BUILDINGS – COMMITTEE REPORT

Economic Development meeting Wednesday the 22nd at 1:30 to be held at the CRAF Center.

Discussion on website. Motion by Norton with support from Spangler to pay bill of \$1,257.35 to VIP Marketing for website creation, and to pay a one year maintenance fee in the amount of \$540. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on vacant Sunrise Printing building. Sunrise Printing is offering DDA their building at 905 Lake Street at no cost. DDA will do a walk thru of Sunrise Printing building, and get an answer to owner by next meeting.

FAÇADE GRANT

Motion by Norton with support from Legg to approve Façade Grant Application for Hart Ford in the amount of \$5,000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

RECREATION PLAN

Gosling Czubek is working with Hilltop to allow an easement across their property.

METRO PARK PLAYGROUND

The new playground is up, but not available for play until all excavating work can be finalized.

Chemical Bank gave a \$5,000 grant for project.

LIGHTS

Lights have all been changed out, and we are working with Consumers Energy to receive rebate. Mark Smith has begun moving receptacles to the top.

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

The steering committee presented five candidates to the Village Council for the Village Manager position. Interviews have been scheduled.

Someone has offered to help Erine with the day to day operations of the farm market.

Should receive final decision on DNR grant the end of November.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The building committee voted unanimously that the Village and the Township should continue to pursue the purchase of the School Board Building. The Village authorized the building committee to enter into discussions with the school.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Annual Meeting at the Brook on Oct 30th from 5-7.

The Chamber will be supporting Christmas in the Village with a Poker Walk.

The Chamber is holding a turkey raffle with the local businesses.

Ladies night is November 11th.

FIREMAN'S MEMORIAL

Doug Hodges thanked the DDA on behalf of the Memorial Committee for their donation towards advertising. Attendance seemed lower for some events, but dollar wise Doug believes they will come out the same. The sound system did not work. Overall the festival was a success.