

Munising Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of Meeting
July 19, 2023
Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center, 8am

Members Present: Dale Immel, Mike Nettleton, Tom Hall, Travis Cross, Deb Nedeau, Pat Gariepy, Rick Bowerman

Members Absent: Cori Cearley (e), Angela Gerou (e)

Others Present: Kathy Reynolds, Pat Sanderson, Brice Burge

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dale Immel at 8:00 am.

Approval of Agenda: Tom made a motion to approve the agenda, Deb supported. **The motion passed.**

Public Comment: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2023: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Deb supported. **The motion passed.**

Approval of Bills for Payment:

a. HTC	Phone land line	\$42.43
b. Kathy Reynolds	Cell phone data pkg	\$60.00
c. Suzette Richardson	Downtown watering	\$250.00
d. Lady Killers Pest Control	Downtown weed spraying	\$1,350.00
e. 41 Lumber	Supplies for bike racks	\$97.56
f. Fishbeck	Munising Marketplace/Brownfield Consulting	\$3,705.50
g. GMBPCD	Flowers for C VanLandschoot (50/50) 28.49	\$659.35
	Meta/Facebook Ad: Help wanted (50/50) 7.98	
	Envelopes for info packets (50/50) 255.82	
	June payroll costs for Madora Sutherland 367.06	
	1 st Qtr. Contribution	\$20,264.80

Rick made a motion to approve the bills for payment, Deb supported. **The motion passed.**

Budget:

a. June 2023 Financials: The board received the June 2023 financial reports. Dale noted that we still have about \$20,750 to the good overall at the end of the fiscal year. Kathy discussed the Professional Services line. We received some additional invoices after the year end budget adjustments were approved in June so we will show that line item as over the budgeted amount for the fiscal year end.

New Business:

a. Summer kiosk worker: Kathy explained that the summer kiosk workers are paid for with joint funding from the GMBP, DDA and MVB. We have had the same two workers for the last 5 years or so. Kathy is requesting \$2,500.00 in funding from the DDA. Pat made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 in funding to the GMBPCD for the kiosk workers, Rick supported. **The motion passed.**

Old Business:

a. Event Funding, Munising Farmers' & Artisans' Market: The MFAM requested funding of \$500. Travis made a motion to approve funding of \$500 as requested, Deb supported. **The motion passed.**

b. DDA Social District: Kathy gave an update of where we are in the process. She and Devin had a zoom meeting with the MLCC regarding where we stand. We cannot use Bayshore Park as a commons area, as it is not

contiguous from a qualifying establishment, but it can be included in the social district; sidewalks would have to be our commons area. We currently only have one business owner really wanting it; others that Kathy spoke with are indifferent. Dale said that each business needs to have an additional endorsement from the MLCC at an additional cost. There will be initial costs and annual costs for the DDA, as well as maintaining and overseeing things. It was discussed how some communities are set up with a concentration of liquor establishments in one area that makes it more advantageous for them to establish a social district. You can currently legally drink in Bayshore Park. The board does not currently see it helping the entire DDA district. Dale will have a conversation with Mike Hendricksen and let him know the DDA is currently at a pause regarding the social district. The DDA will discuss it further and decide how it wants to proceed.

c. Renovare Development: Kathy had a meeting yesterday regarding the old firehall development, which included their partners in Detroit. They were interested in visitation, what the community wants, a possible candy store, food truck court, and the possibility of being open year-round. Kathy also has a meeting on Tuesday including MEDC regarding the Marketplace development. State funding is looking better, and Kathy expects Renovare to come back to the DDA this fall.

Oher Business: None

Executive Director's Update: Kathy talked about hosting the circus; it is a break-even event for the Chamber. She had a meeting yesterday with reps from Senator Stabenow and Peters offices regarding updates for our area. Kathy talked about a UPEDA meeting this fall with a focus on AI. Kathy also discussed the city ARPA committee that she is on. She suggested trying to get an ATV type vehicle to help with watering in the DDA. The city could get a good discount and we could possibly get some MVB funding to help. Mike said it could possibly be a joint DDA/DPW vehicle for multiple uses.

City Manager's Report: Mike reported that Devin is working on paperwork for the Washington St project. The issues with the floating dock have been resolved. The boat launch renovations are still planned for fall 2023 and spring 2024.

Round table discussion: Kathy said she spoke with PRNL, and their visitation numbers are currently down about 10% from last year.

Adjournment: Pat made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 am, Deb supported. **The motion passed.**