

Munising Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of Meeting
July 21, 2021
Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center, 8am

Members Present: Dale Immel, Mike Nettleton, Travis Cross, Rick Bowerman, Pat Gariepy, Debbie Nedeau arrived at 8:04

Members Absent: Cori Cearley (e), Tom Hall (e), Jackie Reynolds (u)

Others Present: Kathy Reynolds, Pat Sanderson, Jaymie Depew, Devin Olson

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

Approval of Agenda: Pat made a motion to approve agenda, Travis supported. **The motion passed.**

Public Comment: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2021: Kathy gave an update on her conversation with Ed Hines regarding his façade grant for the old Napa building. He would like to go forward with the grant even though there is a purchase agreement on the building. Kathy also said that Jak Kouw was unable to come up with the appropriate paperwork and didn't receive his grant. Travis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Deb supported. **The motion passed.**

Approval of Bills for Payment:

a. HTC	Phone land line	\$40.36
b. Kathy Reynolds	Cell phone data pkg.	\$50.00
c. GMBPCD	1 st Qtr. Contribution 24,806.25 1/4 Cost of information packets 208.77	\$25,015.02
d. Madigan's Ace Hardware	Gardening 124.78 Supplies 3.87 Crosswalk painting 38.56	\$167.21
e. Imperial Electric	Check all posts at Bayshore Park 150.00 Streetlight repair by PSB 357.96	\$507.96
f. Nagelkirk	Flowers for roundabout 1,139.40 Flowers for downtown 4,231.11	\$5,370.51
g. Denman's Hardware	Bolts for bike racks	\$21.90
h. Embers Credit Union	Irrigation system for roundabout 180.71 Gardening supplies 121.41 Postage 75.00	\$377.12

Rick made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Debbie supported. **The motion passed.**

Budget: We do not have the financial report for the FYE yet but will forward it to the board when it's available. Dale discussed the Superior Street repaving that we hope to do next year. We could bond or possibly pay cash for the project. MDOT funds will possibly also be available.

Old Business:

New Business:

a. Pavilion Sidewalk Painting: Vicki Ballas would like to do some sidewalk painting on the cement apron in front of the pavilion at Bayshore Park to encourage activity/exercise as is associated with the Wellness Coalition. The DDA would pay for supplies, but the project needs to be approved by the City Commission. Kathy will update the DDA after the City Commission decides.

Other Business: None

Executive Director's Update/Partnership Update: Kathy said the murals have been installed on the east side of the bathrooms in Bayshore Park and completed on the west side. We are also beginning to work on installations honoring the military branches. That will continue over the winter. The Harley apartment project is moving along and should be complete by fall. Kathy said the GMBP fiscal year end budget finished well considering there were no event to raise funds. The contractual work income was very strong and membership stayed on budget. The GMBP gave bonuses to Kathy, Pat, and Jaymie. Kathy said she continues with many regional and state meetings meeting being held virtually and hybrid. Businesses all seem to be having a great season and we have lots of traffic by the office and around town with the new sidewalks. Kathy is looking into placing some Adirondack chairs down by the lakeshore in Bayshore Park. The new Christmas decorations are being delivered to the DPW today. Devin said he was told the County Brownfield passed a resolution to move forward with funding for the old fire hall property. Kathy is on the board but was not aware of a meeting. The City and DDA would both have to approve the project before it may move forward. Kathy said she is still trying to get on a committee or board re: the American Rescue Plan funds that the County received; part of the funding is to be used for economic development. The DDA informational was held on July 12 and there were no public attendees. The meetings do get posted on the website. The HTC mural is still in storage and will not be reinstalled until the remodeling project at HTC is complete.

City Manager's Report: Devin said Baaco is moving along on the M28 project. All utility work is going well and they are making good progress. The city is looking into a complete overhaul of the boat ramp in Browns Addition in about two years. Devin said they have received the American Rescue Plan funds and they have five years to spend the funds. The city is restructuring their debt with the new low interest rates.

Round table: Kathy said the GMBP has purchased a flat screen TV from Putvin and mounted it in the back office to allow ease in hosting virtual meetings. Kathy said 75% of economic development offices are working remotely. More businesses are staying with remote workers and moving in that direction. Jaymie went on a search and rescue boat this past Saturday with PRNL and attended a training for high angle rescues out in PRNL on Sunday. The board discussed if there is any way to get the County on board with what the community needs.

Adjournment: Mike made a motion to adjourn at 9:21, Pat supported. **The motion passed.**

Next meeting: August 18, 2021