

Munising Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of Meeting
August 18, 2021
Fuzzy Boyak Welcome Center, 8am

Members Present: Dale Immel, Mike Nettleton, Travis Cross, Rick Bowerman, Debbie Nedeau

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

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

Public Comment: Kevin Trevillian from Coleman Engineering – State Transportation Economic Development Fund Grant: Trevillian discussed the state funded MDOT grant the City has been awarded for the Superior Street mill and overlay project. The grant is available for roadways that are not eligible for federal aid. It is totally funded by the state. This will be a mill and overlay project for Superior Street from Spruce to Cedar and portions of Birch, Maple, and Elm. Bids will be taken this winter and the project should be on the schedule for 2022. Any sidewalk ramps that need updating will also be taken care of. Devin stated that parking can also be addressed, such as, any ADA/handicap spaces and reinstating angle parking on Elm by the old Huntington Bank and Harley buildings. The total project is projected to cost \$510,000 with \$250,000 being covered by the grant. Kathy commented on the new MDOT multi-use path affording an increase in walkability on M28. She also asked if an extension of the multi-use path could be continued east on M28 from Maple to Birch or Cedar. Trevillian said they can look at the area and come up with possible solutions. The DDA thanked Devin for applying and being awarded the grant. The current DDA Sidewalk Bond is set to be paid off in Fall 2022. The DDA will need to start the bond process soon if wanting to bond for all or part of this Superior Street project.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dale at 8:17 am.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2021: Rick made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mike 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. Signs Now	Murals in Bayshore Park	\$3,218.00
d. GMBPCD	Plumbing repair (50/50) 608.98	\$831.45
	Ethernet cable (50/50) 10.00	
	Video conferencing supplies (50/50) 27.47	
	Things To Do Ad (50/50) 185.00	
e. Madigan's Ace Hardware	Trash Bags 1,000.00	\$1,031.98
	Gardening Supplies 31.98	
f. Embers Credit Union	Mulch	\$11.98
g. Dog Waste Depot	Dog Waste Bags	\$119.78
h. Suzette Richardson	Watering/gardening	\$50.00
i. Display Sales	Christmas Decorations Inv 329007	\$19,397.00

Travis questioned the plumbing repair bill. Kathy explained the repair that was needed at the office. Travis made a motion to pay the bills as presented, Debbie supported. **The motion passed.**

Budget: The board received the July 2021 financial reports. Dale said we are in a good place with the budget for the Superior St project. No action is needed or taken.

Old Business:

a. Pavilion Sidewalk Painting: Kathy reported there has been no update. Vicki Ballas has not approached the City Commission on the matter yet.

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Executive Director's Update/Partnership Update: Kathy said John Madigan has a meeting scheduled at 9am Monday, August 23 re: the Hanley Airfield. At this point he hopes to find out where do we go from here and how to move forward. Anyone that can and would like to attend is encouraged to do so. Kathy will attend the Governor's luncheon tomorrow at the UP State Fair. This past Sunday she gave a presentation at an MEDC meeting with Site Selectors/Consultants. There were about 75 attendees. Kathy also discussed an initiative she's working on with Great Waters. In the past their focus has been on marketing; they are hoping to transition to focus on responsible tourism and protecting our natural resources. There are funds available through the American Rescue Plan that may be available and cannot be used for destination marketing. Kathy said EV charging stations continue to be a hot topic at many meetings she attends. Town continues to be extremely busy with many staffs overextended and some businesses beginning to cut their hours with college students going back to school.

City Manager's Report: Devin said there are lots of projects planned for 2022. H58 will have see the final phase completed, M28 will be resurfaced from the Anna River to the Schoolcraft County line, the western most portion of the M28 project will be completed and the Grand Island Township sewer expansion will take place.

Round table: Travis discussed the smaller crowds at Concert in the Park and if anything can be done to increase them. Discussion continued regarding the Farmers Market moving to Monday, Cooking Carberry's no longer being at Bayshore Park. Brice commented that many farmers are unhappy with the market changing to Monday. Monday was chosen as the Marquette market is on Wednesday and Saturday. Devin said it could be a tough sell with MDOT to get crosswalks and pedestrian signage due to the light at Elm.

Adjournment: Rick made a motion to adjourn at 9:00, Debbie supported. **The motion passed.**

Next meeting: September 15, 2021