

**ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
October 18, 2021**

Members Present: CEO Ron Alden, President Thomas O’Brien (2), Treasurer Andrea Weiss (2), Secretary Sue Jock (3), Diane Love Suvada (4), Jessie Sharpe (4), Peggy Kish (Resident) (2), Mike Walker (1), Tom Barber (1), Phil Weiler (1)

Virtual: Vice President Jim Anderson (3),

Excused: Sue McFatridge (4), Crystal Brabant (4)

Absent:

Others Present Marcie Dankert, Dan Scow

No comments on the agenda

Motion by to accept September minutes as presented by Andrea Weiss, second by Mike Walker, motion approved.

(Thru 10/15/2021)	Treasurer’s report	
Cash on Hand		\$370,651.39
Deposits		\$6,820.00
		\$377,471.39
 <i>Bills Approved Prior Month</i>		
<i>Ck #1211 Dan Scow</i>		<i>\$1,600.00</i>
<i>Ck #1212 Growing Up Roscommon(2022 flower baskets)</i>		<i>\$3,520.00</i>
<i>Ck #1213 Village of Roscommon (1st inst. On Blower/sweeper)</i>		<i>\$15,351.00</i>
<i>Ck#1214 Bobbin Along Quilting (Facade Grant)</i>		<i>\$80.00</i>
 <i>Bills to be Approved</i>		
<i>Ck #1215 Marcie Dankert (Farm Market and Postage)</i>		<i>\$1,071.65</i>
<i>Ck # 1216 RARA (4th Q AuSable River Center)</i>		<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Ck #1217 Dan Scow</i>		<i>\$840.00</i>
 Ending Balance		 \$354,708.74

Motion by Tom Barber to accept treasurer’s report as presented, second by Phil Weiler, treasurer’s report approved.

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers’ Report –

- Five Families-October 20th @ 6pm (Wednesday) Village, Zoning, DDA, Planning Commission, economic development.
- Roadside leaf pick up started in the Village Tuesday and Thursday’s.
- Met with Consumers Energy October 7th. Questioned if there is enough power for the Industrial Park and mixed use areas for future expansion. No both are on same service

line. Does our community electrical infrastructure currently support further growth. Further discussion planned. The incentive programs have run out for electrical charging stations but they are now starting another phase of grant cycle. There is an onsite visit today for look at potential sites. A community our size typically has 1-2 stations. Street light programs will also be approved.

- Again, thanks MFMFC for their continued support.
- 2022 benches are on the order list, 5 more to be delivered in March.
- Food truck distribution this Saturday.
- USDA grant is wrapping up downtown. Remainder of work will out at the DPW grounds, aerators to be replaced in the lagoons. Water meter replacements deadline November 1st then the water will be turned off.

Farmers Market:

End of season report: Best year as far as vendor participations, over 70 participated, peaked at over 20 on weekends and some of their best financially. Attendance was up all summer. \$3680 in vendor fees was collected. Project Fresh Coupons are submitted. Looking at accepting EBT cards linked through the SOM. Venders are interested in a winter market. Looking ahead to 2022 for additional kid events.

Economic Administrator:

- Façade grant discussions
- Survey to assess interest in community projects.
- Consider addition of murals
- Rising Tide/Mainstreet: Rising Tide was a Snyder initiative. Mainstreet is the current program. Mainstreet has a lot of criteria already completed by the ROXY committee. Going to make NEMCOG connections and Roscommon Economic Development group.
- Submitted prior list of items completed, working on marketing plan, expanding ROXY group.
- Website coming along.

Façade Grants: Ken's Tire & Auto-no additional information was available, Roscommon Cleaners & Laundry \$200 funding request for sign. Committee reviewed it location determined and design reviewed and approved. DDA reviewed the grant and motion approved.

Old Business:

- Au Sable River Center / Train property transfer paperwork-Will need to find deed Ron Alden to follow through
- Veteran - Thank You for Serving banners-two banners are in the works.
- AuSable Center dead tree - approved \$3,500-Pending work completion.
- Overhead Power line ordinance recommendation-Ron Alden to contact Bryan Graham on ordinance verbiage.
- Student DDA member - interviews this upcoming week

New Business:

- Industrial Park new For Sale sign-Prices obtained by Dan Scow for 1-2 sided sign and 1-1 sided sign for \$800. Motion made not to exceed \$1,500 by Andrea Weiss for both the industrial park and Hiawatha sign. Roll call motion carried.
- Façade grant upgrade for pre-grant funding. Motion that the committee discuss a plan and report back to the Authority for approval, motion carried.
- Welcome Village sign at Hiawatha where old sign was. This is temporary until site is developed. Approved above.

Future Projects

- Purchase Chase Bank Property
- Pavilion at the AuSable River Center
- Frontier Property
- Future Development Incentives-Murals
- Greenspace to be considered in future planning.

Liaison Reports:**Village:****Township-**

Chamber: Girl's night out: October 19th; Annual Chamber Meeting @ Cut River Grill @ 6pm
October 27th.

RARA:

Next DDA Meeting – Monday, November 15th.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:50, motion by Mike Walker, second by Tom Barber motion carried.