

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
March 15, 2021

Members Present: CEO Ron Alden, President Thomas O’Brien, Secretary Sue Jock, Phil Weiler, Mike Walker, Crystal Brabant, Jessie Sharpe, Diane Love Suvada

by Video Conference Vice President Jim Anderson, Sue McFtridge, Tom Barber,

Excused: Treasurer Andrea Weiss, Peggy Kish

DDA Meeting Called to order at 8:00

Others Present: Beth Barber, Marcie Dankert, Kate and Bob Otwell, Lance Cherven.

No comments on the agenda

Motion by Phil Weiler to accept February minutes as presented, second by Jess Sharpe, motion approved.

(Thru 3/12/2021)

TREASURER’S REPORT

Cash on Hand		\$346,704.23
Deposits		\$10,000.00
Interest 2/28/21		\$2.53
New monthly S/C	\$	10.00
		\$356,696.76

Bills Approved Prior Month Correction on Check #'s1163-1166(skipped #1162)

Ck #1163 Village of Roscommon (801 Lake St water bill) \$40.86

Ck #1164 RARA - AuSable River Center \$300.00

Ck #1165 Village of Roscommon-801 Lake St \$3.60

Ck #1166 Village of Roscommon-Benches \$4,000.00

Ck #1167 Tim Reilly (maintenance on 801 Lake St) \$350.00

Bills to be Approved

Ck #1162 Village of Roscommon (801 Lake St water bill) \$40.86

Ck #1168 Village of Roscommon (801 Lake St.-Gilroy’s bill) \$18.73

Ck # 1169 Village of Roscommon (801 Lake St DTE bill) \$157.89

Ck #1170 Gro Green \$6,825.00

Ending Balance \$349,304.28

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

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT –

MDA – Taking it to the Streets, Virtually Annual Spring Workshop, Friday, 3-26-21

801 lake Street Presentations:

- Butcher’s Wife – Bulk Food Store: Kate Otwell’s presentation for business included bulk foods, produce and meal kits. Overview of function and financials included as well as a build out timeline.

- Kirtland Cosmology School-Jim Goodrow approached Ron Alden who works for Baysore Beauty Academy. Looking for a new location, he stated his package is completed but not sent in at this time. It was questioned that Kirtland may be tax exempt. Phone discussion with Jim Goodrow, determined this is just in the data gathering phase so it is not an option at this time.
- Third business is a salon from Grayling and pending business proposition, salon, spray tanning, massage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers' Report –

- USDA bids are in, meeting later today to accept bids. Mike Walker inquired if there is anything else that needed to be piggy backed onto this project. Is there an ordinance that prohibits electrical lines that cross Lake and 5th Street. It was discussed in the 90's with the previous streetscape project. Motion made by Mike Walker that the council be reminded that an ordinance be developed to prohibit utility companies air rights and anything else currently existing be removed by utility company at their expense. Second by Phil Weiler. Motion carried.
- Let water run.
- Walkway to mission point. Specifically looking at some sample solar lights, waiting for more information.
- ROXY: couple meetings and all info submitted to the SOM for approval. They are also working on the open house for vacant buildings. Looking at June 5th.
- Community Spring Clean up day May 1st.

Facade Grants: NONE

Old Business:

- Website -Complete, currently being adjusted and items added.
- Veteran - Thank You for Serving banners – Looking for a student writer to write articles for veterans. Tom O'Brien suggested we pay a student \$30 for veteran's bios. All agreed.
- ROXY- Ready Redevelopment Community -Sent in to the State of Michigan.
- Snow removal tractor: Presentation by Lance Cherven on tractor purchase, service, and employees. Lance presented a machine that has the equipment, service contract, similar to item purchased in Grayling. Advantage to utilize employee base without adding FTE. Looking at removing the snowbanks downtown one block in each direction of the light. Will further discuss next month.
- Seasons – 801 Marketing
- M-18 Walkway Lighting- an email was submitted to Christopher Janisse (Consumers) for review to place solar lights on poles.
- Empty Building Event-to be hosted by ROXY

New Business:

- Farmers Market: Marcie Dankert overview. Thoughts and ideas, music, removing picnic table as it impedes space and flow, add benches. Hand sanitizing stations are suggested by the farmers market association. Will discuss with the group charging a small fee. May 22 to Oct 9, 2021. Vender meeting April 13, 6:30 ARC. Permanent signage for the Farmers Market. Ron Alden made a motion to charge \$100/season \$10/per weekend, second by Diane Love Suvada, conversation to wait until Marcie has her Farmers Market meeting. Ron amended motion to charge or not charge at Marcie's discretion, second by Mike Walker, motion carried.
- Sawmill Refund-Initial email and no follow-up at this time. Mike Walker will contact Emily and Tyler again for end financials and timeline for dissolution of DDA Funds as requested by this

group. Phil Weiler stated the Sawmill office is occupied by county ID. Economic Development discussion to be placed on agenda for next meeting.

- Short and Long Term Projects review-to be added to next months agenda due to lack of time.
- 801 Lake Street – new owner approval. We will have a special meeting next week Monday, 8:00 am for final approval. Meeting notice will be posted.

Liaison Reports:

Village:

Township-

Chamber:

RARA:

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:03 , motion by Mike Walker second by Crystal Brabant, motion carried.

Next Regular DDA Meeting Monday, April 19th

Community Service day, May 1, 2021

Annual Report Due June 30, 2021