

**ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**May 17, 2021**

**Members Present:** CEO Ron Alden, President Thomas O'Brien (2), Vice President Jim Anderson (3), Treasurer Andrea Weiss (2), Secretary Sue Jock (3), Tom Barber (1), Phil Weiler (1), Peggy Kish (Resident), Diane Love Suvada (4), Mike Walker (1), Jessie Sharpe (4), Crystal Brabant (4)  
**by Video Conference:** Sue McFatrige (4)

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

DDA Meeting Called to order at 8:00

**Others Present:** Marcie Dankert, Doug Hodges, Anthony Gnesotto

No comments on the agenda.

Motion by Tom Barber to accept April minutes as presented, second by Ron Alden, motion approved.

**Roscommon Downtown Development Authority – April 2021**

(Thru 5/14/2021)

**Treasurer's report**

Cash on Hand	\$374,090.84
Deposits Sawmill & Farm Market vendors	\$9,065.03
Bank Service Charge	- \$10.00
	\$383,145.87

*Bills Approved Prior Month*

<i>Ck #1177 Marcie Dankert</i>	\$ 173.64
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<i>Ck #1178 Lil Willies-</i>	\$700.00
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<i>Ck #1179 HLRCC</i>	\$1,600.00
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*Bills to be Approved*

<i>Ck #1180 Village of Roscommon (801 Lake St water bill)</i>	\$66.83
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<i>Ck # 1181 Village of Roscommon(Consumer Energy-801 Lake St</i>	\$88.49
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<i>Ck #1182 Village of Roscommon(DTE -801 Lake St)</i>	\$188.86
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<i>Ck #1183 Marcie Dankert</i>	\$23.40
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<i>Ck #1184 Office Central</i>	\$25.34
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<i>Ck #1185 Mid-State Asbestos Removal</i>	\$2,900.00
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**Ending Balance**

**\$377,379.31**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

Anthony Gnesotto discussed plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks for 2021. Requesting financial support for \$2000. Ron Alden motion up to \$2000 to support, second by Diane Love Suvada. Funds to be utilized for marketing, roll call, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MDA Summer Workshop zoom Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

MDA – American Rescue Plan Act pandemic funds request, for helping small businesses

## Managers' Report –

- 801 Lake Street: Slight gas leak managed, minor water leak, resolved. Attorney currently working on agreement this week, has been out of town.
- USDA Project: Construction started today. Closed financing at 1.375%. Current meters round to the nearest 1000, new meters to the gallon. This project will not eliminate let runs, waterlines will not be set deeper just replaced.
- No plaque-still waiting
- Village beautification meeting, hanging baskets will go up this week. Prepping beds and flowers to go in next week.
- Roxy: all info submitted to the state. June 5<sup>th</sup> vacant open house planned: Hardware working on making two separate buildings. Greens has is on hold. Rosco's waiting on liquor license transfer. Boardwalk is now sold. Franz is not interested currently. Spruce has back leans can't participate at this time. Jenkins Eyecare had planned occupation. Jansen's and Impact for sale no input from realtor. Pioneer Drugstore has a planned lease once renovations are done. AuSable Artisan Village is for sale but renovations are currently underway.
- F&V (engineers) renting out Village offices lease term 1 year.
- Chase bank closing in August

**Farmers Market: New Sign** – New vendors, 20-25 vendors for opening day. Has collected \$500, \$10/Saturday or \$100/season. Currently can fit 36 vendors without wrapping around. New sign is printed and ready to pick up, \$225. Installed before this weekend. Motion to pay \$265 to Express Copy (sign and Veterans sign) by Tom OBrien, second by Andrea Weiss, motion carried.

**Façade Grants:** NONE

### **Old Business:**

- 801 Lake Street update, Mid-State Asbestos Removal \$2,900- as above
- Veteran - Thank You for Serving banners-as above
- ROXY- Ready Redevelopment Community - Rising Tide certificate-as above
- Snow removal tractor: Company reaching out, however sold their demo model. Current new machine, two attachments \$140,000, 120 for machine, 20 for the attachments. They took \$20,000 off due to selling the demo. The following is three financing options:
  - 3 year lease to own \$24,000 (DDA half), \$48,000 (full), total \$144,000
  - 5 year lease to own \$15,000 (DDA half), \$30,000 (full), total \$150,000
  - 7 year lease to own \$11,000 (DDA half), \$22,000 (full), total \$154,000DDA currently pays \$12,600/year for snow removal. Final cost for 5 year lease is \$150,000. Motion by Tom Barber that the Village Council entertain a 5 year plan, second by Jim Anderson, motion approved.
- M-18 Walkway Lighting-email from Chris Janisse, Consumers will allow (2) solar lights 40 inches below lowest Cable.
- Walkway dedication and plaque-as above
- Zoom meeting amendment review. Village amended their ordinance that includes the DDA. No action required.

### **New Business:**

- Fireman's Memorial Festival advertising and promotion: \$2295 for TV Commercials, they promote not only the festival but the community. Radio Ads \$8000. Due to Covid-19 lost the ability to have 3 of their major funding events. Still their liability insurance is \$10,000. Fire training grounds currently do not charge for use. Motion by Jim Anderson, support by Tom Barber to support \$2295, discussion, Sue Jock stated that lack of funding we should increase the amount due to special circumstances. Roll Call motion approved for advertisement request of \$2,295.
- June DDA Meeting will be at the AuSable River Center, Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am.
- AuSable River Center dead tree and train property ownership. Train Club requests to have the tree removed. Will get bids. Motion to enter into agreement up to \$3,000 to remove tree by Tom Barber, second by Andrea Weiss, roll call, motion carried.

### **Future Projects**

High School student as DDA Member

### **Liaison Reports:**

#### **Village:**

**Township-** Opted in the hazardous waste collection

**Chamber:** Hot Dog lunch June 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of Chamber Office 11-1.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Burnt Rubber Car show event

Art Festival July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:38, motion by Mike Walker second by Diane Love Savada, motion ,

Next Regular DDA Meeting Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> ARC

2021 Annual Report Due June 30, 2021