

**ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
 June 20, 2022

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

**Virtual:** Sue McFatrige (3),

**Excused:** Mike Walker (4), Jessie Sharpe (3), Vice President Jim Anderson (2),

**Absent:** Crystal Brabant (3)

**Others Present:** Marcie Dankert, Doug Hodges, Tracy Smith, Jory Klumpp, Dan Scow

Motion made by Andrea to accept the meeting minutes for May, second by Tom Barber, motion carried

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

May meeting minutes were approved.

(Thru 6/17/2022) **Treasurer’s report**

Balance Forward	\$398,712.87
Deposits	\$2,440.00
	\$401,152.87
<i>Bills Approved Prior Month</i>	
<i>Ck #1246 MIFMA(Farmer’s Market)</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Ck #1247 Roscommon Fireworks</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Bills to be approved</i>	
<i>Ck #1248 Dan Scow</i>	<i>\$1,520.00</i>
<i>Ck #1249 Marcie Dankert</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Ck #1250 Tom O’Brien (Veteran banner)</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>
Ending Balance	\$396,837.87

June Treasurers Report was approved

**CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Managers’ Report –**

- RRC Ceremony, Pins coming, great ceremony, many complements. Many State Political positions, parties and representatives in attendance.
- Summer tax collection that the DDA will collect is \$19,227.19 from Higgins Township
- Grants Pending: Consumer Energy Grant, did not receive, The Barn of Higgins Lake received \$10,000 Grant from the County Roscommon Economic Development Corporation Business and Tourism Grant.
- Parcel in the industrial park. Jim Ostling family looking to purchase.
- Old Pioneer Pharmacy purchase on hold pending environmental issues.
- Spruce Lodge recently was purchased by Britney Larive.

- 814 Lake Street, across the Street from the Spruce, was purchase, ground level will be a tattoo parlor.
- Tomorrow at noon will be the closing on 801 Lake Street (Butchers Wife)
- Holland House is up for sale. Questioned if Village would like to purchase a portion for an 8-10 space parking lot. The whole property is \$115,000 there is interest for purchase.
- Chase Bank property. Close to 8,000 sq. ft. NMCAC has interest. Ron stated the Village may have interest in a contribution to utilize the parking lot. Ron was also told the Post Office is interested in the property. Strip of property in back is unpaved but has potential parking.

**Farm Market:** 31 Vendors this past Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> weekend. Great start to the season. \$2,790 in vendor fees. Want to replace some of the old yard signs. Has \$100 left from rack cards purchase. Marcie wants to purchase an additional vendor flag/banner, requesting up to \$250. Still looking for food vendor or vendor ideas. Motion by Diane Love Suvada for \$300 for signs and banners, second by Andrea Weiss, conversation ensued, Dan Scow wanted to suggest that we develop a brand for the farmers market similar to the Village/DDA and suggested that we increased the amount. Diane Love Suvada adjust motion to \$600, second by Andrea Weiss, roll call motion carried.

#### **Economic Administrator:**

- Comment about food trucks-Walking guide that has all the restaurants and food trucks, just wants to make sure it doesn't compete with area restaurants. Consumers grant, additional grant working on for electric charging station. Working with folks, placemaking grants. MEDC grant for Hiawatha, others for building upgrades. Discussion on food trucks pulling away from local business. Phil Weiler suggested blow up food and shopping map for the farmer's market. Contact Cindy at Dealers Supply for the farmer's market banner.

**Façade Grants** – O'Brien Architect \$1,487.50, committee approved, motion by Ron Alden, second by Andrea Weiss, roll call motion approved, No word on Carnexa LLC sign \$5,000 (Franz), Bird and Bear \$5,000, RAHS paint School House \$4,180 requesting an additional amount \$618. The additional cost was not approved and there was no explanation for the increase.

#### **Old Business:**

- Veteran - Thank You for Serving banners – Josh Scott, complete
- Overhead Power line ordinance recommendation-no report

#### **New Business:**

- 801 Lake Street Butcher's Wife closing, Tuesday, Noon at Three Lakes
- Public toilets at CRAF Center – new entrance doors \$12,471-Jory asked for funds not to exceed \$15,000 due to pending electrical service. Motion by Ron Alden, second by Tom Barber not to exceed \$15,000 roll call motion carried. FYI Diane Love Suvada was awarded from the county RCEDC Business and Tourism grant to put in a public bathroom at MUN.
- Fireman's Memorial Festival tv advertising request: Increased costs, no deals due to election year, requesting \$2,800. DDA sponsored the parade \$6,000 last year and this year requested the. Motion by Tom Barber to support, second by Ron Alden, conversation on future funding avenues, roll call vote, carried.
- Chamber Art Festival requests advertisement funding \$830 but she has \$200 left over from 2021, so request \$630, motion by Sue Jock, second by Phil Weiler, roll call, motion carried. Community grant for printer, copier and computer. September 15, 16 for connecting conference in Alma.

- Twin Oaks proposal for tree removal, add 5 shrubs and clean up bed for \$1,500 to \$2,000. We also need to clean up the east Village sign. Ron Alden will meet with Greg to assess both. Motion not to exceed \$1500 to have two trees removed by Tom O'Brien second by Ron Alden to cut tree down, roll call carried. Ron Alden to work with summer work cadets to get the landscape beds cleaned up or removed.
- Village clock repair: The clock repair quote was \$8,549.00. Ron Alden will attempt other avenues for repairs or replacement. Grayling has a new clock Phil Weiler had noticed.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, nominations for Grand Marshall. Kids bike brigade and other activities.
- We need to keep the Annual Report on the agenda until it is completed.

**Liaison Reports:**

Village – None

Township - None

Chamber: - Roscommon Art Festival, Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>  
Great AuSable Duck Race, Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>

Next DDA Meeting – Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn by Diane Love Suvada, second by Phil Weiler, motion carried @ 9:40 am