

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
 July 18, 2022

Members Present: CEO Ron Alden, President Thomas O'Brien (1), Vice President Jim Anderson (2), Treasurer Andrea Weiss (1), Diane Love Suvada (3), Crystal Brabant (3), Jessie Sharpe (3), Peggy Kish (Resident) (1), Tom Barber (4)

Virtual: Secretary Sue Jock (2)

Excused: Mike Walker (4), Sue McFatridge (3), Phil Weiler (4)

Absent: Crystal Brabant (3)

Others Present: Marcie Dankert, Chris Micheals, Tim O'Rourke, Dan Scow

Motion made by Andrea Weiss to accept the meeting minutes for June, second by Ron Alden, motion carried.

Motion by Ron Alden to accept treasurer's report as presented, second by Crystal Braybant, roll call, treasurer's report approved.

Roscommon Downtown Development Authority – June 2022

(Thru 7/15/22) Treasurer's report

Balance Forward	\$396,837.87
Deposits	\$39,208.50
	\$436,046.37
Bills Approved Prior Month	
Ck #1251 RAHS – Façade Grant	\$4,180.00
Ck #1252 HLRCC-Art Festival Ads	\$630.00
Ck #1253 Two Rare Design-signs	\$1,300.00
Ck #1254 Dealer Supply-signs	\$328.60
Ck # 1255 Heritage Broadcasting	\$2,800.00
Bills to be approved	
Ck #1256 RARA	\$300.00
Ck #1257 Village of Roscommon (Butcher's Wife title work)	\$485.00
Ck #1258 The Bird & The Bear (Façade grant)	\$4,300.00
Ck # 1259 Marcie Dankert	<u>\$538.14</u>
Ending Balance	\$421,184.63

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT –

Tim O'Rourke introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers' Report –

- Sherriff's Cadet Program, Cleaned up Hiawatha. Three COOR Students with a supervisor are cleanup the village and weeding the flower beds this summer.
- The village is a MEDC grant finalist for funding for the Hiawatha project. We are the only RRC municipality to qualify in our area.
- We closed on 801 Lake Street property in June.
- An offer was accepted on the Tin Fish last week, planned opening spring '23.
- Holland house is for sale. Potential buyer, willing to split. Discussion on purchase, pros and cons. Further discussion next month.
- Clock Repair: quoted \$9,400.00, further estimates awaited.

Farm Market: Busiest she's ever been averaging 25-30 vendors, eight new vendors. Possible winter market inside the AuSable River Center, 10-15 vendors are interested, this winter November-March, 2nd Saturday. Collected \$3,020 in vendor fees with one refund of \$100 being issued to vendor who paid in April and has been unable to attend due to family medical issues.

Working with Jesse Sharpe on branding for the market.

Economic Administrator: On vacation this past month, one of our businesses received a tourism grant, \$25,000 to Green's Tavern. Back to work today. Made up North and K&D RV Center also received \$25,000 grants.

Façade Grants –

- St. Vincent DePaul Society \$5,000 / \$17,180, Exterior Paint, color yellow. Same signage. Motion made by Crystal Braybant, second by Ron Alden, roll call 10 yay's, 0 nay's, motion carried.

These are pending: O'Brien Architect \$1,487.50, Carnexa LLC sign \$5,000, Bird and Bear was completed and approved for \$4,300

Old Business:

- Veteran - Thank You for Serving banners – Josh Scott banner is completed
- Overhead Power line ordinance recommendation- Mike Walker submitted late last night. Not time to review, hold until next month. Tom Barber thought we should look at the original documents that are addressed in #3.
- Question about Spruce Lodge, no new information.

New Business:

- Village entrance sign improvements: Tree to be removed by Rite Aid. The one by Higgins Township has been reduced once, Ron Alden to get with Twin Oaks for a plan.
- DDA annual report, filed with the state. Just needs to be put on the website.

- DNR auctioned properties. 34.2 acres across from post office, off Sunset and back it behind well house (Brook Street) in Village. Zoned highway commercial. Consider petitioning DNR for transfer (late for that), but attempt other options.

Liaison Reports:

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Village, Township, no additional information.

Chamber: Art in the Park successful, calls and comments about the village appearance.

Comments about the success of July 4th parade and downtown businesses.

Aluminum Canoe race success July 17th.

Public comment: Chris Micheals with ACT "Attentive Caring Timely" is attempting to renovate their building and fill out a façade grant, but is having difficulty finding contractors to get a quote.

Next DDA Meeting – Monday August 15th

Motion to adjourn by Jim Anderson, second by Andrea Weiss, motion carried @ 9:35

Secretary - Sue Jock