

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
August 15th, 2022

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

Virtual: Sue McFatridge (3)

Excused: Diane Love Suvada (3)

Absent: Crystal Brabant (3)

Others Present: Marcie Dankert, Dan Scow

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

Roscommon Downtown Development Authority – July 2022

(Thru 8/12/22)

Treasurer’s report

Balance Forward	\$421,204.63
Deposits	\$ 2,430.00
	\$423,634.63

Bills Approved Prior Month

BILLS TO BE APPROVED:

Ck #1260 Dan Scow to sign painting, etc	\$1,901.26- Miscellaneous bills due
Ck #1261 Marcie Dankert	\$612.24
Ck #1262MDA	\$200.00-Dues + Legal Information
Ending Balance	\$420,921.13

Motion by Phil Weiler to accept treasurer’s report as presented, second by Ron Alden, roll call, treasurer’s report approved.

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers’ Report –

- Grant update-Public gathering space grant in process (Hiawatha Park). The ARP money to help support the bridge construction.
- Last week the Village Council approved an industrial park lot purchase to the Ostlings.
- Meetings with Owners of Tin Fish, Holland House, Ameluxin house with possible options for grants and development.
- Meeting with owners of the Spruce Lodge. First goal is to repair the roof.

- DNR property auction. Gahagan Nature Preserve interested of property on Sunset, 34 acres. High ground property in back is of interest for Village use.
- In contact with a high school teacher for student member recommendation.
- 150th Village anniversary, October 8th.
- No updates on light pole maintenance, Ron to check.

Farm Market:

- Averaging 25 vendors with steady customer count. Vendor fees trickle in. Kids day last Saturday with good response. Scavenger hunt, coloring contest, make and take, snow cones. Moving ahead with a winter market at AuSable River Center starting Nov. 12, Dec 10, Feb 11, Mar 11, January off.

Economic Administrator:

- Village 150th (**SESQUICENTENNIAL**) birthday on October 8th at the AuSable River Center. Music, hot dogs, kids activities. Food request to Family Fare. Music, tent, beer. Detroit Memories and Offbeat. Looking for sponsors, Village supported for \$3000. Motion by Andrea Weiss for \$1000 Sponsorship, second by Phil Weiler, roll call, motion carried.
- Ron Alden and Dan Scow attended KCC housing meeting.
- Tin's Fish meeting later today with MEDC with regards to "design build" grant funding.
- Meeting with Spruce Lodge owners and planned updates to the building.
- MEDC discussion in regards to village property development for housing.
- Rehab grants still being promoted to area business.
- Walking guide is successful. Discussion in regards, requesting \$625 to reprint, motion by Jim Anderson, second by Andrea Weiss, roll call, motion carried.
- Roscommon County Economic Development Grant - Area businesses in receipt of grant. Wayfinding and park sign motion for \$500 by Phil Weiler second by Mike Walker, roll call, motion carried.
- Village Art ideas, meeting with Terry Dickenson this am. Other contacts, grant programs available. Mural's will be part of future discussion.

Façade Grants –

New:

- VFW Post new doors \$3,750 / \$7,500 total project cost
Motion by Jim Anderson, second by Ron Alden, roll call vote, motion carried
- Spruce Lodge new roof \$5,000 / \$11,900 total project cost
Jim Anderson statements-DDA funding to aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Preserving historical building is a goal of DDA. Motion by Jim Anderson, second by Tom Barber, roll call, motion carried.

Pending:

- St. Vincent DePaul Society \$5,000 / \$17,180 - In process
- O'Brien Architect \$1,487.50 / \$2,975 - Complete Motion by Jim Anderson, second by Phil Weiler, roll call, OBrien abstained, motion carried.
- Carnexa LLC sign \$5,000 / \$13,578.72 - No updates.

Old Business:

- Veteran - Thank You for Serving banners – possible one new veteran.
- Overhead Power line ordinance recommendation: Draft discussion, not reviewed by Village attorney, once reviewed there it will be forwarded. Section 3: Existing lines removed and by who's expense. Section 5: Enforcement - difficult verbiage needs a bottom line. This will need to be adopted by Village Council, posting requirements, etc. In 1990 there was a push to move overhead lines, after funding talked down Consumers and Phone company to \$150,000. There was no ordinances in place at that time to control future lines. We need to document existing line at the time the ordinance is approved. DDA in support of Mike Walker to move forward in discussing with Bryan Graham.
- Village Clock: repair and maintenance expensive, waiting on one more vendors quote.

New Business:

- Village entrance sign improvements - Three RCC metal signs to be attached to stone sign-Tom Barber suggested to centralize more to center of town.
- Holland House parking - new owner to work with Village on potential parking.
- Big Check-Façade grant presentations, less than \$100, motion by Jim Anderson, second by Phil Weiler, roll call, motion carried.

Future Projects:**Liaison Reports:**

Village, Township, Chamber

Fireman's Memorial Festival September 16 – 18th.

Next DDA Meeting – September 19th.

Motion by Mike Walker, second by Jim Anderson, meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Secretary-Sue Jock