

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BOARD MINUTES

February 15, 2016

Members Present: Schwalm, O'Brien, Rosczyk, Hodges, Lippert, Weiss, Adams, Jock, Norton

Excused: Weiler, Anderson, Legg

Absent: Spangler

Others Present: Dan Fishell

Motion by Kurtis Norton with support Doug Hodges from to accept the Secretary's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Norton with support from Schwalm to approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report through 2-12-2016

Cash on Hand	\$291,137.28
Higgins Twp.-Tax Distribution	\$3,541.18
Interest 12/30/15	\$12.03

\$294,690.54

Ck #880 St Vincent De Paul-Approved Facade grant 880.00

\$293,810.54

Accounts Payable: New Bills

Village of Roscommon-RCRC Safe Route 50% Dec & Jan \$360.00

HLRCC-Business Expo Ad request \$400.00

Ending Balance **\$293,050.54**

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT - MI Downtown Association – Second Annual Lansing Day February 24th, \$50 registration. MDA Advocacy Alert Legislation we all need to contact our Senate and House Representatives. Sue will send out the form letter to use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers Report – Water will be on the top of discussion this week, the water froze at our building over the weekend. MI Downtown Association, it would be good to have representation from the DDA. John will make every effort to go that day. New sign is up at the office. We got a response from Hilltop. If we submit the paperwork they will review it and act upon it. No confirmation from Klaus for a timetable on the Wallace park project but should be open for bid this weekend.

Façade Grant – Nothing from Fred's yet. Tom still has the check for St. Vincent DePaul. Walsh Funeral has an application to act on, they are replacing the front entrance doors. Motion by Andrea, second by Kurtis, to allow the façade committee to review and approve the Walsh funeral home façade grant. Motion passed.

DDA Taskforce – The state appropriated funds for Rising Tide Community. Grayling was selected to receive these funds. Dan Leanard from MEDC is presenting information at a meeting on March 10th at 6:00 at the Library. The following week, Wednesday the 15th at 6:00 there will be a meeting to assemble the task force at the Village office. Dan Leanard mentioned other communities chosen for the Rising Tide funds haven't followed through with it and they are going to be revisiting the Rising Tide project. We could be on the list with the steps that way have taken already.

Sidewalks and Streetscapes – Andrea has not heard anything.

Website – Reminder to send Jim our member profiles if you haven't already.

Wi-Fi – Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Wallace Park and Hilltop walkway – Reported above

DDA map update – Nothing new

Volunteer/Trustee Service coordinator 2015/2016 John spoke with Dewey Barber and plans to utilize Dewey. Erine provided a list previously with items such as sweeping the sidewalks, keeping the pocket park clean, weeding the flowers. The plan would be to have Dewey take a work force a few times a week to perform these maintenance things.

Benches downtown – Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

TIF Report – Nothing New

Lear Township Assessment - Lear refiled the appeal of their tax assessment to name the Township in a tax tribunal hearing. John doesn't feel the Township is going to aggressively support what the assessor has for the value. If they don't fight it we are looking at a significant loss. John spoke with Vern from the plant and he was not aware this was going on. This is coming from corporate out of Southfield. John will work on getting the numbers of what we are looking at losing. Need to work with the Township to fight this.

CRAF Center – All the lighting is complete, floor in the weight room, painted the entry way, weight room, carpet down. New director Patricia Riss is warm and inviting. Summer concert series is ready to go for the season.

Logo/marketing plan – See above covered in DDA taskforce

Tour of empty buildings – Scheduled for June 25th

Roscommon has the best Pickle Palace around. Cross between tennis and ping pong. May 24th Drive one for your community; drive a Ford vehicle at Hart Ford.

FUTURE PROJECTS – Nothing to report.

LIAISON REPORTS – Village nothing to report. Township - Annual Meeting March 21st.

Chamber – Winterfest was down quite a bit, probably due to the weather. Egg Scramble March 12th at the CRAF center.

Thank you note from Christmas in the Village.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13. Motion by Norton. All in favor.