

ROSCOMMON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
March 19, 2018

Members Present: Schwalm, O'Brien, Rosczyk, Hodges, Anderson, Legg, Alden

Excused: Jock, Walker, Weiss, Weiler

Absent: Wilkerson, Spangler

Others Present: Diane Love-Suvada, Mike Miller, Mark Walling

Motion by Ron with support from Tim to accept the Secretary's report. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Doug with support from Ron to approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor motion carried.

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| Thru 3/16/18) | Treasurer's report | |
| Cash on Hand | | \$298,115.98 |
| Deposit -Higgins Twp | | \$21,403.29 |
| Interest 2/28/18 | | \$22.04 |
| | | \$319,541.31 |
| Bills Approved Prior Month | | |
| Bills for Approval | | |
| Ck #1009 Consumer Energy | | \$320.00 |
| Ck #1010 Mark Walling | | \$1,693.21 |
| | Ending Balance | \$317,528.10 |

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC COMMENT – Brownfield Development meeting April 4th at the University Center in Gaylord.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Managers Report - John summarized past and current projects of the DDA, and reminded the DDA board that the next manager needs to be a team player. The Village and DDA working together is very important to continue to accomplish things for the good of the community. John expressed that he found his position with the Village very rewarding. He plans on remaining in the community.

Facade Grant – McKee updated his application and changed the drawings. The committee has reviewed it and would like to move forward. Motion by Jim to award the grant according to the recommendation of the committee. Second by Tim. All in Favor motion approved. A grant request was received from the Historical Society in the amount of \$2,790 to paint the exterior and redo the front porch. The committee has approved it. Motion by Ron to accept the committee's recommendation for approval, second by Jim, all in favor, motion approved.

Sidewalks and Streetscapes – Jason Sharpe is providing a bid for a new Township Hall sign.

Website – Annual report for 2017 needs to be posted on the website and Jim would like some pictures of things the DDA has done this past year to include with it.

Sawmill – Dianne gave a report. Three new business consultations, touched on changes in RCEDC and Rosalie's retirement.

Farm market- Signed contract with Marcie Dankert.

Economic Development Coordinator - Mark provided an update. There are six members actively working on the RRCSC with one seat still open. They would like to nominate Mike Miller to serve on the committee. The steering committee meetings are bi-weekly. Mark will be the chairperson of the committee during its interim formation. Presentation from NEMCOG on April 11th. Mark will be working on the quarterly report that needs to be submitted.

Rising Tide - No news.

OLD BUSINESS

Lighthouse - Walkway and bridge moving forward by the County.

Iron Bell Trail – nothing new.

Parking Stripping - nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS

Survey Monkey Results - Good idea to do annually.

Graffiti in the Village “TB” - There are three places in the Village with graffiti “TB” painted with a white background and blue letters. John will report it to the Sheriff’s department and we will get the word out to see if anyone knows who is doing it. We need to get it stopped before more areas are vandalized.

Manager funding - Jim Anderson shared his concern with the previous months motion to not supplement the manager’s salary. Jim felt a smaller contribution than in the past would be appropriate. He expressed there needs to be a buy in from the manager and continued support to attend the DDA meetings and work with the DDA. It was suggested that a \$6,000 subsidy could be appropriate. A motion was made for a \$6,000 annual subsidy from the DDA for the manager’s salary with support by Doug. There was considerable discussion. Jim brought up a point that was not thought of or part of the discussion at last month’s meeting. John moved to table the motion and Jim seconded that for discussion at next months DDA meeting. Many DDA members were not in attendance at this month’s meeting and the desire was to discuss this again when more board members are in attendance.

LIAISON REPORTS – Village nothing. All the Township disbursement checks have been disbursed.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:13. Motion by Jim. Support by Ron. All in favor.

Doug thanked John for all his support in the Village. Doug also reminded the DDA members that when we consider the branding of our community we should not forget the Fireman’s Memorial site. This site is one of the 10 most visited sites in the state. Home of the Fireman’s Memorial could be a potential theme/brand for our community. Jim also thanked John for his support of the DDA.