

FENNVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 7, 2015 Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Fennville DDA was called to order at the 220 Building at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Claude Rummer.

Members Present: Amy Cook, Mike McCracken, Matthew Pietsch, Erica Ramos (7:23 p.m.), Dan Rastall, Claude Rummer

Members Absent: Ed Kortman, Mark Schrock

Others Present:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments – None

Approval of the Agenda – **Cook moved, supported by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

Secretary's Report – Minutes corrections are as follow: remove the "+6" at the bottom of page 2, under Miscellaneous, city report should read "... for the Public Works Department..." **Cook moved, supported by McCracken, to approve the December 3, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report – Invoices presented were Allegan County Sheriff's Office for reserve deputies for Heritage Day, Dickinson True Value Hardware for miscellaneous holiday decorations, Greater Fennville Chamber of Commerce for the annual membership-2015, Amalia Hicks for cleaning the 220 Bldg. in October and November 2014, Mary Kasprzyk for public relations services, Claude Rummer for banner shipping costs and garland, and Lisa A. Sheaffer for administrative services. Invoices totaled \$809.60. **Cook moved, supported by Rastall, to approve the bills as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

Communications

- A. Property Listings Reports were reviewed.
- B. Chamber Dinner – The board decided to nominate Mark and Martha Schrock for the Robert Hutchinson Citizen of the Year award and Darpel & Associates Builders for the Business of the Year award. **Rastall moved, supported by Pietsch, to approve the payment of \$80 for Claude and Pat Rummer to attend the 2015 Chamber dinner.**

Old Business

- A. Web Site Issues – Sheaffer is still working on them.
- B. Vacant Board Position – Several possible candidates were discussed.

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- C. Morgan Appreciation – Tony will not be attending the Chamber dinner as he is currently out of state. **Pietsch moved, supported by McCracken, to approve an amount not to exceed \$200 for the plaque for Morgan’s service to the City and DDA. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business

- A. Streetscape Grants – Ryan Kilpatrick was unable to attend the meeting to discuss these. Cook stated the DDA could expect to hear by this February for opportunities for 2016 funding.

Committee Reports

- A. Economic Restructuring – Cook stated the committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on January 14th.
- B. Organization – No report
Physical Elements – Rummer reported the committee met tonight with Police Chief Dan Hoffman to discuss the 220 Building parking lot. The holiday decorations will be removed once the weather is nice enough to permit doing so. Also discussed was the omission of Christmas music for the downtown area.
- C. Promotion – No report.
- D. Goose Festival – No report.

Miscellaneous – The Goose Festival Committee will be meeting on January 13th at City Hall.

Rastall reported City Commission updates: the beer tent for the 2015 Goose Festival was approved, Tim Brennan was reappointed to the Board of review, and Dave Nieboer was reappointed to the Planning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa A. Sheaffer.