

FENNVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 8, 2014 Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Fennville DDA was called to order at the 220 Bldg. at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Claude Rummer.

Members Present: Ed Kortman, Mike McCracken, Tony Morgan, Matthew Pietsch, Dan Rastall, Claude Rummer, Mark Schrock

Members Absent: Amy Cook, Erica Ramos

Others Present: Sandi Busscher, Jodi Welscott, Goose Festival Committee; Linda Barnes, HopN

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments - None

Secretary's Report - **Rastall moved, supported by Schrock, to approve the December 4, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report - Invoices presented were Dickinson True Value Hardware for supplies, Mary Kasprzyk for public relations services, and Lisa A. Sheaffer for administrative services. Invoices totaled \$602.21. **Rastall moved, supported by Schrock, to approve the bills as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

Communications

- A. Michigan Economic Developers Authority (MEDA) membership. The DDA will not participate.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Committee Reports

- A. Economic Restructuring - No report.
- B. Organization - No report.
- C. Physical Elements - Rummer reported he had met with the owners of the property where the former ink factory was located. Rummer, McCracken and Schrock will meet with the current owners to make an offer. **Rastall moved, supported by Kortman, to make a verbal offer of \$12,200 to purchase the former ink factory property. MOTION CARRIED.**
Rummer also reported that a down payment of 20% will be made to Olson Bros. Company for the drainage work in front of John's Auto.
- D. Promotion - Pietsch reported the committee did not meet. It is still working on the dates for the quarterly historical talks. All speakers for that series have been confirmed.
The committee is considering creating a community ice rink downtown next year.
- E. Goose Festival - Busscher presented the final financial report for the 2013 Goose Festival. The report contained an error. The cost of the web site was calculated as \$251.26 instead of \$751.26. Net profit is actually \$4,422.79.
General sponsorships have doubled from the previous year. Some changes for 2014 will be in the providers of the carnival, food vendors, and elimination of the student art show. The 5k run also needs a chairman or it may have to be dropped. Also non-profits will be required to perform community service in order to receive free space.

Miscellaneous - Rastall reported on the lot by City Hall, the March Board of Review, Federal Poverty guidelines, and the Innocademy/Boys and Girls Club meeting in Fennville.

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Schrock reported on the auction of the Su Casa building.

220 Bldg. - Rummer discussed the need for adequate snow removal for the 220 Bldg. parking area. Regular cleaning of the building is being arranged. Kortman is still working on a keypad system for securing the 220 Bldg.

Sheaffer reported on the ongoing issues with the Fennville.com web site which have resulted in no email for city and DDA staff. She is working with Brent Bishop at the County of Allegan to resolve these issues including transferring the domain name back to Go Daddy. **Morgan moved, supported by Schrock to approve the costs to transfer the Fennville.com domain from Tierra Net to Go Daddy. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa A. Sheaffer.