

FENNVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
August 7, 2013 Minutes

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

Members Present: Al La Shell, Mike McCracken, Tony Morgan, Erica Ramos (7:17 p.m.), Dan Rastall, Claude Rummer

Members Absent: Amy Cook, Matt Pietsch, Mark Schrock

Others Present: Tom Kiss, John's Auto; Jodi Welscott and Sandi Busscher, Goose Festival Committee

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments – Curbing issues and the Façade Grant program were discussed.

Secretary's Report – No approval of the minutes since the incorrect ones had been included in the board packet.

Treasurer's Report – Invoices presented were WMTA, membership fees; Lisa S. Sheaffer, contracted services. **Rummer moved, supported by Rastall, to approve the outstanding bills as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

Communications

- A. Allegan County Tourist Guide – Advertising opportunities are available in the eighth annual *Inside Allegan County*.
- B. Membership with the WMTA is renewed.

Old Business

New Business

- A. Goose Festival – **Rastall moved, supported by Ramos, for the DDA to take the Goose Festival under its umbrella, to nominate Sandi Busscher as the Executive Director of the Goose Festival Committee, and to name Claude Rummer as the DDA's liaison to the committee. MOTION CARRIED.**

Rastall moved, supported by Morgan, to allow the Goose Festival Committee to open its own checking and savings accounts using the City of Fennville's EIN, and to appoint Sandi Busscher and Claude Rummer as the account signees.

- B. Fennville Backpacks – **Rastall moved, supported by Rummer, to approve paying \$250 for the placement of the Fennville.com logo on the Fennville Backpacks. MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports

- A. Economic – No report.
- B. Organization – No report.
- C. Physical Elements – Additional streetlights, benches and cigarette receptacles are under consideration. Costs and locations for the lights are being researched.

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220 Building - Signs for handicap and restricted parking areas have been installed. A carpenter is needed to finish the counter.

D. Promotion - No report.

Miscellaneous - Ramos stated the Forever Curious Museum's event was well-attended. She also said that opera houses are currently being researched to determine what can be done for the one located above Dickinson's Hardware.

Rastall reported the following: the City is working with Bob Kasten of the Allegan County Snowmobile Club to draft an ordinance regarding snowmobiles; Dennis Martin has been appointed to the Fennville Public Library board; the Thomas Cooley Law School has offered legal services provided by its students for the City at no cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa A. Sheaffer.