

FENNVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
December 4, 2013 Minutes

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

Members Present: Amy Cook (left at 8:50 p.m.), Ed Kortman, Mike McCracken, Tony Morgan, Matthew Pietsch, Erica Ramos (7:03 p.m.), Dan Rastall, Claude Rummer, Mark Schrock

Members Absent:

Others Present: Linda Barnes, Dennis Icabone, Robert Hutchinson, Innocademy Representatives

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments – Robert Hutchinson discussed the need for additional parking in the downtown area, particularly the lot behind Fennville Main Street Market. Dennis Icabone discussed his business expansion and façade grant application. Representatives from the Innocademy-Allegan Campus discussed the new charter school.

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

Treasurer's Report – The invoices presented were Michigan Downtown Association for dues, Lisa A. Sheaffer for contracted services, and Go Daddy for purchase of a SSL certificate for the web site. **Cook moved, supported by Rastall, to approve the bills as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business

- A. 2014 Board Meeting Schedule – **Cook moved, supported by Morgan, to approve the 2014 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports

- A. Economic Restructuring – Cook reported since the streetscape grant wasn't closed out officially until 2013, Fennville was not eligible for 2013 grant funding. However, it will be eligible for 2014, with the first round occurring in May. Cook and Schrock also met with Jim Hettinger, who will be working with Nora Balgoyen-Williams on attraction and recruitment of businesses for Allegan County.
- B. Organization – No report.
- C. Physical Elements – Rummer presented the bid for resolving the drainage problem on Main Street in front of John's Auto. **Morgan moved, supported by Schrock, to award the project to Olson Brothers Company for \$5,179. MOTION CARRIED.**
- D. Promotion – Ramos reported the committee had met and is moving forward to develop a quarterly series of historical talks. The first talk is scheduled for January 20th at 6 p.m. at the library. Heritage Days and agricultural events were also discussed.
- E. Goose Festival – No report as the committee is still preparing the final financial report.

Miscellaneous – Rastall reported that the City has received several requests regarding decorating the downtown area. Garlands for 2014 were discussed and referred to the Physical Elements Committee. Rastall also reported on the Fennville Area Fire Dept. and the city cemetery plotting.

Rummer and Sheaffer discussed the need for a new locking system for the 220 Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa A. Sheaffer.