DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Meeting Held November 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by *Bill Weaver*, President in the Tom Bess Chambers.

Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: DDA MEMBERS – Bill Weaver-President, Dustin Mumford, Deb Schultz-Pawlosky, Jeffrey Lutze, Leonard Carpenter, Dan Campbell and recording secretary Kelly Mercer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Llyod Stevens, Robert Jennings, Larry Curtis, Dave VanAmburg, and Dan Kasco

- 1. Approval of Minutes MOTION was made by *Leonard Carpenter* and was supported by *Jeff Lutze* to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes of the meeting as presented. All Yeas Motion Carried.
 - **2. Approval of Finance Report** MOTION was made by *Deb Schultz-Pawlosky* and supported by *Dustin Mumford* to approve the Finance Report as presented. All Yeas Motion Carried.
 - 3. Approval of the Bills -MOTION was made by Deb Schultz-Pawlosky and supported by Jeff Lutze to approve the bills as presented.
 All Yeas-Motion Carried-Roll Call.
 - **4. Petition and Unofficial Communications** (Audience). *Leslie Loomis* Façade Grant for Dennys Supermarket and *Emily* from Tau Gardens about Wreath in Veterans Park.

5. Communication from other Village Officials

Dan Campbell:

May want to think about adding a few more light poles going South M15, stop at welcome sign, kind of dark down there.

Consumers Energy removed pole at 500 North St, pretty dark there, called and made a claim, was removed by accident.

Sewer-DEQ we were denied for a grant, cost of repairs is 6 million, need to apply for loan interest loan or tie into County for 8 million.

Captured Taxes need to be explained better, Month that was paid or going to be paid. Also paid façade grant need to be on financial report not bills.

6. New Business

Forest Lights- Added 6 trees, 3 at each welcome sign.

Deb Schultz-Pawlosky made a motion to have 2 trees decorated in Veterans Park for \$2600.00, by Light You Up LLC and **Jeff Lutze** supported that motion. All Yeas-Motion Carried- Roll Call.

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Jeff Lutze made a motion to let Tau Gardens put a lighted wreath in Veterans Park as a donation to the community and *Deb Schultz-Pawlosky* supported it. All Yeas-Motion Carried.

Clock Maintenance

Jeff Lutze made a motion to pay Verdin Clocks \$695.00 for the next years maintenance, and it was supported by *Leonard Carpenter*. All Yeas- Motion Carried-Roll Call.

7. Old Business

South M-15 Lighting Athletic St. to Denny's Supermarket sidewalks. Facade and Sign Grant Approvals

8. Committee Report -

We have two grants presented Dennys Super Market and D&L Ceramic Pro. *Deb Schultz-Pawlosky* made a motion to pay each business \$5000.00 and *Dustin Mumford* supported it. All Yeas -Motion Carried-Roll Call.

Deb Schultz-Pawlosky added that all checks must be made out into the business name. pre-approval must be done before work is done.

Does historical museum qualify for a grant?

9. Communication from Board Members

Deb Schultz-Pawlosky added please get all 57 trees even if they are not spoken for, someone will put lights on them and we want to add 3 at each welcome sign.

Replacement Light Poles. *Jeff Lutze* made a motion that we purchase 5 more replacement decorative light poles for \$15,000.00 and *Deb Schultz-Pawlosky* supported it. Ordered 10/17/23. Light Poles that we have in town now are discontinued, we can get a pole that is close in design but they are more money. *Jeff Lutze* made a motion to amend the amount for 5 new light poles of \$1760.75 each pole and *Deb Schultz-Pawlosky* supported it. All Yeas. Motion Carried. Roll Call.

10. Adjournment - Motion made by *Jeff Lutze* to adjourn and supported by *Deb Schultz-Pawlosky* at 10:11am.

All Yeas - Motion Carried

Next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2023.

Dan Campbell – Secretary 11/20/2023

Kelly Mercer

Kelly Mercer-Recording Secretary 11/20/2023