

Munising Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of Meeting
October 3, 2018

Members Present: Dale Immel, Rod DesJardins, Pat Gariepy, Travis Cross, Tom Hall, Debbie Nedeau, Donna Grahovac

Members Absent: Rick Bowerman (e), Jackie Reynolds (e)

Others Present: Kathy Reynolds, Pat Sanderson, Devin Olson, Ben Schimpf

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dale Immel at 8:01 am.

Approval of Agenda: Rod made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Pat seconded. **The motion passed.**

Public Comment:

a. Event Funding Request - Rekindle the Spirit: The board received a request for \$500 funding for Rekindle the Spirit from the GMBPCD. They will take the request under advisement and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2018: Donna made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Deb seconded. **The motion passed.**

Approval of Bills for Payment:

a. Kathy Reynolds	Cell Phone Data Pkg.	\$50.00
b. GMBPCD	2 nd Qtr. Contribution	\$20,462.50
c. Upbeat Site Furnishing	Trash Can & 2 Liners	\$1,199.47
d. Cranking Graphics	Webpage Design	\$240.67
e. HTC	Phone Bill	\$40.14

Rod made a motion to approve the bills for payment, Debbie seconded. **The motion passed.**

Budget: No action needed or taken regarding the budget.

Old Business:

a. DDA Webpage: Kathy said most graphics are done for the new DDA webpage; the designer, Cranking Graphics, is done with design and our office will be working on the content. This will be a page on the Partnership website and will have a link on the City website.

New Business:

a. Round About Resolution: Devin said the City continues to explore funding with the legislature and MDOT for a roundabout at the M28/H58 intersection as part of the 2020 M28 road reconstruction project. MDOT has said they “think” most of the funding will be available, due to some other road projects not being undertaken. The City Commission is passing a resolution supporting the project and would like the DDA’s approval of support. Deb made a motion to support the City resolution supporting a roundabout at the M28/H58 intersection, Pat seconded. **The motion passed.**

b. New DDA Goals: The board received a copy of the 20-year goals that were part of the 2013 DDA Plan Amendment. The board has already discussed the need to at least repave Superior Street in the next few years, following the 2020 M28 road project. Pat discussed the manhole covers and catch basins that are sinking and collapsing on Superior St. Devin explained that those were not replaced as part of the project in 1992 when the road was last repaired. He said it is not simply the manhole covers and catch basins, it would also need to

include the pipes and supporting structure underneath. Devin discussed a recent meeting he and Kathy had with MDOT and the subject of using Superior St as temporary usage as a one-way thru town for a detour. If MDOT utilizes Superior as a detour route it could be possible that MDOT would help with repaving following the completion of the M28 project. MDOT does not help with infrastructure costs. At this point it only makes sense to just do patchwork to get us through until after the M28 project. After discussion the board came up with a short list of projects to consider: Resurfacing/paving Superior St, Repairing/replacing the manhole covers and catch basins, Water/sewer replacement under Superior St, Engineering study for downtown infrastructure, Burying/cleaning up utilities in alley from DQ to Dogpatch. Coleman Engineering or UPEA could give rough estimate on what an engineering study would cost. Dale said we finished the year with approx. \$127,000 in cash on hand and have a balanced budget going forward. We will have increased tax income in the next few years and the bonds will expire soon. The board will revisit the idea of only meeting once a month for the winter later this year.

Other Business: None

Executive Director's Update/Partnership Update: Kathy said there will be \$50,000-\$70,000+ spent between now and next summer with the Art Place Grant and the Alley Project. She has met with Mike Lempinen and is very excited about the sketches he has for various murals in town. There will also be art projects in Grand Marais and a possible art installation in Browns Addition. Ben discussed the Walk, Bike Places Conference he attended in New Orleans re: active tourism and placemaking. He has some ideas to incorporate walking and biking in the downtown and will work on a proposal for the board.

City Manager's Report: Devin reported that the City is preparing for an audit next week. The RFP for Tourist Park will be given to the City Commission tonight. H58 repairs are on-going for the storm damage. Devin and Kathy met with MDOT last week re: the 2020 M28 project and MDOT is looking at eliminating many curb cuts and reconfiguring curb cuts at businesses that have multiple driveways. They may remove parking on M28 from H58 to Lynn Street to allow for larger sidewalks and make it more pedestrian friendly. MDOT will hold Community Feedback meetings re: some of their recommendations and proposals and Devin encourages people to attend. He would also like the DDA to review the plans and give its input. Work is being finished on a grant for the Ice Arena with the Hockey Association. This would allow for new boards and glass and bring an additional four tournaments to Munising. The City has hired a new Part-time police officer. Ben asked about camping at Bayshore Park. Devin said the City did approve a ban on overnight parking/camping and any offenders can be reported.

Round Table: As far as anyone knows, Falling Rock and Snyder Drugs buildings are still for sale.

Adjournment: Rod made a motion, Pat seconded to adjourn at 9:27am. **The motion passed.**

Next meeting: **October 17, 2018**