

Munising Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of Meeting
July 18, 2018

Members Present: Rod DesJardins, Travis Cross, Jackie Reynolds, Debbie Nedeau, Dale Immel (via phone)

Members Absent: Rick Bowerman (e), Pat Gariepy (e), Donna Grahovac (e), Tom Hall (e)

Others Present: Kathy Reynolds (via phone), Pat Sanderson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Rod DesJardins at 8:06 am.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2018: Travis asked about the façade grants that were approved pending further details at the June 6 meeting. Kathy advised the board that the applicants turned in the requested information. Also, Schwalbach was indeed approved for façade grants two years in a row (2017/18 and 2018/19), as they are doing extensive remodeling of the building after many years of neglect. Travis made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested amendments, Debbie seconded. **The motion passed.**

Approval of Bills for Payment:

a. Alger County Electric	Repairs to Streetlights on Elm St	\$190.00
b. Snyder Drug Store	Art in the Alley: Dirt/Mulch/Gardening Supplies 255.92 Downtown Gardening: Dirt/Mulch Gardening 269.96	\$525.88
c. Nagelkirk	Art in the Alley: Flowers 1,000.00 Downtown Gardening: Flowers 1,617.79 Triangle: Flowers 1,579.73	\$4,197.52
d. Cranking Graphics	Art in the Alley: Design fee for sign	\$225.00
e. Ben Schimpf	Art in the Alley: Mileage	\$43.60
f. HTC	Phone Bill	\$60.37
g. Munising News	Ad: Thank You Claudia	\$73.35
h. Mares Z Doats	Fertilizer & Winterizer	\$439.23
i. Kathy Reynolds	Cell Phone Data Pkg.	\$50.00
j. GMBPCD	1 st Qtr. Contribution	\$20,462.50
k. UMCCU Visa	Art in the Alley: Supplies 750.92 Gardening 139.35	\$890.27
l. UP Fabricating	Art in the Alley: Gateways	\$5,833.00
m. Madigan's Hardware	Art in the Alley	\$262.36

Travis questioned if the \$5,833.00 payment for UP Fabricating was an installment, as a payment for the same amount was made in June. Pat Sanderson confirmed that the invoice had indeed already been paid in full in June and should be removed. Dale made a motion to approve the bills for payment, with the exception of the UP Fabricating bill, Travis seconded. **The motion passed**

Budget:

a. Preliminary June 2018 FYE Budget: The board received the Preliminary June 2018 budget for review. No action needed or taken.

Old Business: Kathy said the Art in the Alley project is complete and encouraged anyone that has not seen it to do so. All three local TV stations did stories on it, there have been very good responses and feedback and it has received good buzz on social media. She estimates the project cost \$24,000 and should all be covered by grants and donations. Kathy reported that she and Ben are in SSM for two days of Main Street training. Most other communities attending the meeting continue to struggle in this regard.

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Executive Director's Update/Partnership Update: Kathy said the Fireworks Cruise fundraiser was very successful and the Circus went well. She is on the board of UPEDA (UP Economic Development Alliance) and UPEDA will be highlighting MLIVE and the "Best of" award winners at their August conference. Travis asked if there was any update on the state façade money for which Kathy applied. She said there have been no decisions made yet, but she gets the feeling from conversations at other meetings that things may not come our way. She continues to plead the case that the Munising DDA has done over \$500,000 in façade grants in the last ten years with no outside funding and has run the fund balance down to do so. Kathy said the funding source for this newly available façade grant money is from a strategic fund from the state. She said the Main Street training that she and Ben are currently taking is very similar to the way our DDA operates.

City Manager's Report: None

Round Table: Rod mentioned the Detroit News story that was supposed to run regarding the business developments and how the area has dealt with the increase in visitors since 2015. It has been bumped twice and he has not heard of an alternate run date yet. They interviewed Rod, Kathy and others and were provided with photos.

Adjournment: Debbie made a motion, Travis seconded to adjourn at 8:20am. **The motion passed.**

Next meeting: August 1, 2018