

Munising Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of Meeting
August 15, 2018

Members Present: Dale Immel, Rod DesJardins, Pat Gariepy, Debbie Nedean, Jackie Reynolds, Rick Bowerman arrived at 8:03

Members Absent: Tom Hall (e), Donna Grahovac (e), Travis Cross (e)

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

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2018: Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Pat seconded. **The motion passed.**

Approval of Bills for Payment:

a. Munising News	Supplies: Binders, dividers	\$33.47
b. Auto Owners Life Ins.	Disability & Life Ins. for Pat (50/50 w/Chamber)	\$336.94
c. Snyder's Drug Store	Art in the Alley: Mulch 96.71 Gardening Supplies 30.97	\$127.68
d. UP Fabricating Co.	Bike Rack	\$567.50
e. HTC	Phone Bill	\$50.18
f. UMCCU-Visa	Art in the Alley: Supplies	\$70.85
g. Madigan's Hardware	Art in the Alley: Supplies 31.98 Gardening Supplies 28.98	\$60.96

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

Budget: The board received the July 2018 financial reports. Dale reported that he spoke with Julie and there is an unaudited cash balance of \$184,392; \$56,405 of that amount is bond. Dale stated that the balance of \$127,987 should be used for major infrastructure. The board discussed the condition of Superior Street and the need to work on at least three blocks of it (from Cedar to Elm) following the 2020 M28 road project. The thought is to mill and overlay in 2021. Dale said that following that project the DDA will not have a large annual fund balance, however, with increased tax income the budget itself will increase.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Executive Director's Update/Partnership Update: Kathy said a Traverse City TV station is in town filming. They already ran a story on Eh! Burger and she is working with them today re: waterfalls. The station covers the

northern lower peninsula as well as the eastern portion of the UP. Kathy discussed the \$66,000 Art Place Grant that is to be spent in Alger County. Kathy and Ben went to Grand Marais and met with a local committee there to discuss using some of the funds for an art project in Grand Marais. Kathy is also currently working with the artist that designed the bike racks and alley gateways to design three murals for placement on some of the local buildings in the DDA. This will all tie-in with Art in the Alley and will tie-in with Tom Dolaskie on his projects at the old Peoples Store building. The murals will be on removable panels. The plan is to have 4-6 murals totally. Tomorrow Kathy will be at the Governor's luncheon at the U.P State Fair. She is also currently working on plans for Ben to attend the Walk Bike Places conference in New Orleans in September. She attended a Labor Law seminar last week and has lots of other meetings coming up. Paul Balan, the Chapel Rock quarter artist, is in town and will be doing another quarter signing at PSB on Aug 16. We hosted the Alger Parks & Rec Day Campers for a sidewalk chalk event at Art in the Alley last Friday. There will be a Business After Hours for Art in the Alley on September 12; Corktown will sell beer and wine. Vicki Schwab is the new representative for MEDC on the manufacturing side. Dale discussed the DDA Top 20 Goals and the fact that the top 10 items are done or are currently in progress. Kathy said the Chamber is doing well financially and currently has a very good board. She also discussed the new PRNL Superintendent (David Horne) and the new Chief Ranger (Joe Hughes). Both are doing a great job and are working on addressing many of the issues within the park. Joe has extensive experience in working with concessionaires of the park service.

City Manager's Report: Devin reported that they are just finishing up work on the marina project. The H58 Anna River to Bay St road reconstruct is behind schedule; no completion date. They are currently working on the mill and overlay from the Anna River Bridge to the M28 intersection, which should only take a few days. The Mountain Bike Trailhead work will be finished shortly.

Round Table: Rod discussed his hosting of a development group on August 3. They are currently looking at two properties in Munising that could be developed with mixed use/residential housing for various income levels. The company is called Shelborne Development and they normally develop historic sites in urban areas. They are very excited about possibly working on a development here in Munising. Dale said the school will open on time, even though all the work will not be complete.

Adjournment: Rick made a motion, Debbie seconded to adjourn at 8:43am. **The motion passed.**

Next meeting: September 5, 2018