

Village of Pentwater - Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Call to Order: Chair Claudia Ressel-Hodan called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attendance Roll Call: Claudia Ressel-Hodan, Doug Osborn, Jack Witt, Juanita Pierman, Jilly Barnes, Chris Dunn, John Nagel, and Terry Valenzano.
Absent: Teri Lambrix, Matt Werner and Buz Graettinger.

Also present: Village Manager Rob Allard, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Siok and Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Moser.

Public Comments: None

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Juanita Pierman, second by Terry Valenzano. Voice vote. All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of June 8, 2016 Meeting:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 8, 2016, by Juanita Pierman, second by Chris Dunn. Voice vote. All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Jack Witt distributed copies of the financial report. Discussion of invoices paid and submitted for ongoing and completed projects followed. Jack Witt questioned signing invoices from the clerk and said he needs more information regarding a June 1, 2016 invoice in the amount of \$531.00 for additional brackets from Display Sales. Claudia said as chair that she will review any invoice with the treasurer.

Motion by Juanita Pierman to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report as submitted, seconded by Terry Valenzano. Voice vote. All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Jilly Barnes turned in a receipt to get reimbursed for corn stalks she purchased that was approved last year.

Pierman commented that dredging was not done this year since the dredging company, MCM, was delayed in Ludington longer than expected.

Wi-Fi Update: Terry Valenzano said the outages reported were taken care of. Matt Werner was able to reboot the system manually. Matt Werner is the contact person. It was suggested the Village staff may also be contacted to reboot if necessary.

Bike Share: Claudia said baskets were stolen from the bikes and will not be replaced. One of the quick release seats was switched to a different bike. A new system using bike locks is in progress; painting the bikes pink and purchasing bikes with coaster brakes is also in the future plan. Claudia said the Blue Tooth trackers only work if the bikes are in town. Discussion followed.

Bike Stand Update: Claudia said the project came in under budget. The bike rack "Purposeful Art" is a great example of community coming together; the DDA working with the Arts Council, working with the Artisan Center and students from the school. The roll out will be August 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM in front of Art on The Town, 165 S. Hancock Street.

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Pentwater Beautification

Halloween/Thanksgiving Decorations: Jilly is confirming a delivery date for the corn stalks to be delivered at a later date; after Labor Day weekend.

Christmas Decorations: Jilly said the poles will be decorated with the new Snowflakes and with the remaining budget plans to decorate the Fish Cleaning Station by the Marina. Jack Witt was also given permission to decorate the Fish Cleaning Station with lights and covering the picnic tables. Decorating ideas were discussed.

Tree Lighting Update: Claudia said new LED string lights would improve the looks on the Village Green. Allard said the tree will be cut in the spring. Discussion followed.

Motion by Chris Dunn to spend up to \$200 for new lights to improve the lights at the top of the Village Green, second by Doug Osborn. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Nays: None. Motion passed. Claudia will check with the Service Club for volunteers to install the lights.

Marketing Committee Report: Claudia said they will meet in the fall.

Electric Cars Charging Update: Juanita Pierman spoke with the City manager of Hart. He said that last summer it was used about twenty times and since they have their own power company there is no charge. Jilly said that Muskegon has some that are not being used and take up parking space. Chris Dunn said that Chevrolet is coming out with the Chevy Bolt. Doug Osborn spoke with Chief Hartrum about a possible location. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Hancock Improvements: Claudia received comments from several business owners regarding improvements and suggested forming a committee for these projects. Doug Osborn suggested a water fountain at the top of the Green. Discussion followed. Claudia will chair the committee with: Jack Witt, Terry Valenzano, Doug Osborn and Rob Allard.

Juanita Pierman stated as a reminder the Sesquicentennial kick-off dinner: March 16, 2017. Janet Webber has created a logo for new banners. Claudia is making a video and requested recognizable pictures of the Village from the 1930's through the 60's. Discussion followed.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, motion by Jilly Barnes, seconded by Terry Valenzano to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

The next scheduled DDA Meeting is October 12, 2016, at 8:30 AM in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Siok
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date