

Village of Pentwater - Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom – June 10, 2020

Call to Order via Zoom – Schumaker called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attendance Roll Call via Zoom – Schumaker, Lambrix, Dunn, Ressel-Hodan, Loisch, Graettinger, MacDonald, Haack and Hodges.

Absent – Henley, Hodges and Witt.

Also, present via Zoom – Brown, Village Manager, Siok, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, and Rande Listerman, Village Clerk/Treasurer.

Approval of the June 10, 2020 Agenda via Zoom

Motion by Ressel-Hodan and second by Dunn to approve the Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ressel-Hodan, yes; Dunn, yes; Haack, yes; Graettinger, yes; Lambrix, yes; MacDonald, yes; Schumaker, yes. Absent: Loisch, Henley, Hodges and Witt. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting: April 8 via Zoom, Special Meetings: April 17, April 29 and May 15, 2020 via Zoom

Motion by Dunn and second by MacDonald to approve **Minutes of Regular Meeting: April 8 via Zoom, Special Meetings: April 17, April 29 and May 15, 2020 via Zoom.**

Roll Call Vote: Dunn, yes; MacDonald, yes; Graettinger, yes; Haack, yes; Lambrix, yes; MacDonald, yes; Ressel-Hodan, yes; Schumaker, yes. Absent: Loisch, Henley, Hodges, Witt. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None.

Comments from the Chair via Zoom

Schumaker said that it has been a crazy spring and thanked everybody who has been involved in projects that have gone on. Have 10 picnic tables at the Water tower Park and 5 at the Marina. Pentwater Picnics has been stenciled on the picnic tables and they look great. The garbage cans are out and look really nice. There should be three new cans at the north end.

Haack said there were more information put out and

COMMITTEE REPORTS via Zoom

a. Financial Report – Ressel-Hodan commented that she appreciates the first page and likes seeing the amount paid and check disbursement sheet. She asked about the payback in the budget; Listerman replied that Accountants like to see a one payment payback.

Motion by Dunn and second by Graettinger to approve the Financial Report as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Dunn, yes; Graettinger, Haack, yes; Lambrix, yes; Loisch, yes; MacDonald, yes; Ressel-Hodan, yes; Schumaker, yes. Absent: Henley, Hodges and Witt. Motion carried.

b. Wi Fi budget amendment – Schumaker said that they just received the proposal from Sky-Webb which is a \$1700 increase. She said we don't need to approve this until August. She explained that it includes a full upgrade, 2 locations were added and 2 cameras.

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c. Bike Share – Ressel-Hodan is working on getting a special account for a PayPal transfer. She said someone suggested higher membership in season and is looking into 2 tiers. Schumaker commented that the signage looked great and was easy to understand.

d. Hancock Improvement – MacDonald said that he wants to keep the trees alive and will check with Brad about the spots on the trees. Ressel-Hodan gave an update on the 33 trash cans that were put together with the help from Paul, Gary, and Larry and Chris Conroy. Chris Brown said they were all set out by the Village DPW.

e. Downtown Plan – Schumaker is working with Haack and Ressel-Hodan on a DDA working plan. A meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Unfinished Business

a. Heaters for Chamber – Schumaker said that a cost share was approved in February in partnership with the Village. She said the Chamber came up with the policy and would like to move forward. Chris Brown suggested putting this on hold because of the current situation of social distancing being six feet; the heaters would not be effective.

b. Public Art – Schumaker said there are two people on the committee and they have not met; its being postponed until fall. She talked about possibly having artists paint the picnic tables.

c. Soundsystem Village Green – Hodges (absent) No report

d. Business Loan/Grant update- Ressel-Hodan said that she should have an update later at the end of today. She said the criteria of 3 questions given to the businesses gave extra points.

e. Shop Oceana update – Ressel-Hodan said a press release is set for Thursday. The website DiscoverOceana.com encourages businesses to sign up to participate in the gift card program. The grant money is transferred immediately to the businesses for those cards that are sold.

New Business

a. Ideas for DDA projects–Ressel-Hodan suggested a round robin discussion if any of the members have thoughts or new ideas or projects in mind for the DDA. Schumaker said its one part of our purpose as the DDA and implement and promote economic growth. Haack said we should pick one goal to work on at a time and agree on the next step like the visual improvements on Hancock show the residents that the work we do beautifies our city. Dunn said the investments that we make in the infrastructure of Pentwater are the investments that payoff long term for us. Haack said that our waterfront now is in the immediate area of the downtown district and is a very pressing issue. He said any attention that we are authorized to give would be worthwhile. Graettinger said that when the Township/Village Hall comes down, eventually, that will change things and maybe is someplace the DDA could be involved in. Chris Brown said we don't have a definitive plan yet. Ressel-Hodan said that she will be looking for members for a Brownfield Committee to identify buildings and the Village Hall will

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be one of them and DDA members could serve on that committee. MacDonald said he thinks the DDA should be a part of restoring some of the waterfront and putting it back together. Schumaker suggested to look at including the Spinnaker condos in the DDA. Ressel-Hodan suggested sending a survey to vote on priorities and would be happy to put it together to sort out what we want to work on and plan for the August meeting. Schumaker said the October meeting will focus on the holidays and marketing for Christmas in the Village. She said that they will have fireworks for New Year’s Eve.

b. Approval of 2020 Millage Levy Resolution No. 2020-06-10 (1.4734)

Motion by Ressel-Hodan and second by Graettinger to approve the 2020 Mileage Levy Resolution No. 2020-06 (1.4734 mils).

Roll call vote: Ressel-Hodan, yes; Graettinger, yes; Dunn, yes; Haack, yes; Lambrix, yes; Loisch, yes; MacDonald, yes; Schumaker, yes. Absent: Henley, Hodges, Witt. Motion carried.

Chris Brown commented on a package, if approved, which is in Congress, the Village could possibly get \$240K this year and \$180K next year, based off population, given to communities to aid in short falls from the Corona virus. He said this would considerably help the main street project.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM by Schumaker via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Siok, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date