

CITY OF STANDISH
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
September 10, 2019
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-399 E BEAVER STREET
STANDISH, MI 48658

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Moniz called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Denny Wiltse, DDA Member

Dennis Whitney, DDA Member

Kim Hadd, DDA Member

Curt Hillman, Chairman(arrived at 1:11 p.m.)

Robert Wiltse, DDA Member(arrived at 1:06 p.m.)

Kevin King, Mayor

Eric Richardson, DDA Member

Amanda Pomaville, DDA Member

Abby Moniz, Vice Chairman

ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Peggy Burtch, Clerk/Treasurer City of Standish, Jerry Nelson, City Manager, Brenda Matt

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Whitney and supported by Hadd to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Whitney and supported by King to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular DDA meeting as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Pomaville and supported by King to accept the financial report as submitted. All yeas, motion carried.

Burtch asked for direction regarding a transfer of \$15,000.00 into the Street Light Replacement Fund.

Moved by Whitney and supported by Pomaville to authorize Burtch to transfer \$15,000.00 from the DDA checking account into the Street Light Replacement Fund. All yeas; motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANT PROGRAM – STEVE MANN, MILLER CANFIELD, PADDOCK & STONE

Burtch stated that she had received an email from Mr. Mann stating that due an illness, he would not be able to attend today's meeting and asked that it be rescheduled. Hillman and the Board requested to have Mr. Mann attend the October 2019 DDA meeting. Burtch stated she would schedule with Mr. Mann.

B. UPDATE/LIGHTING OF US 23

Nelson updated the Board on the status of placing Christmas Lights across US 23. Nelson stated that are 3 to 4 sets of poles that may work to string the lights across US 23. Matt Aggie of Consumers Energy has met with Chris Gwisdala to discuss the requirements. Nelson stated that Consumers needs to know the size and weight of the strands of lights so that the proper engineering can be prepared. Nelson recommended that the Board choose the biggest and heaviest and see if those would work. If not, the Board could always downsize. The Board directed Nelson to work with Bronners and Consumers to complete the engineering.

Hillman asked if Nelson thought the lights would be up be this Christmas. Nelson was not confident that they would.

Nelson also reported to Council that a representative from Bronners would be here on Friday to pick up the Christmas decorations purchased last year and return them and issue a credit to the DDA. Hillman asked if the bows that are placed above the garland could be enlarged and lighted.

Whitney suggested that the Board consider purchasing a Santa for the Depot with the credited funds from Bronners or possible a Merry Christmas sign. Other suggestions from the Board were a Santa with sleigh or snow flakes.

C. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION-DEPOT-ESTIMATES

Brenda Matt, representing the Depot submitted 3 estimates for electrical work to be performed. The first was from Link Electric for \$3500.00 the second was from Joe's Electric for \$4,600.00 And the third was from Bock Electric for \$5800.00.

Moved by Whitney and supported by King to award the electrical work to be done at the Standish Depot to Link Electric at a price of \$3500.00. All yeas, the motion carried.

D. MURAL PAINTING COSTS

King reported that he had made contact with the Standish Sterling School and got the name of the person who did all the art work at the school. Moniz also had someone from Bay City that does artwork. Nelson was asked to make contact with the artists and have some information at the October meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

Whitney updated the Board on the upcoming Santa Parade to be held on November 29th and the Santa Train which will be at the Depot on December 7th.

Hillman stated that the City will be asked to close off Beaver Street from Grove to US 23 to accommodate parking for the parade. Hillman also stated there will be no candy allowed along the parade route, however, candy may be handed out at the Depot.

Hadd suggested that the Board consider extending the decorative street lights along US 23. Hadd stated she felt that it would be a beginning even if only two poles a year could be installed. Nelson was asked to research the price and whether there was conduit under the existing sidewalks.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before this Board, Chairman Hillaman adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.



Peggy Burtch Clerk/Treasurer
City of Standish