

FENNVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

December 2, 2009 Minutes

Call to Order/Roll Call - The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Fennville DDA was held at Fennville City Hall on Wednesday, December 4, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al LaShell at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Amy Cook, Al LaShell, Tony Morgan, Dan Rastall, Claude Rummer, Steve Valkema, and Jodi Welscott

Members Absent: Mark Schrock

Others Present: Lonnie Lee, Absolutee Clean, LLC

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments – Lonnie Lee discussed zoning questions he had regarding business signs. The DDA directed him to contact the City Zoning Administrator, Patrick Hudson of Michigan Township Services.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting were presented to the board for review. Jodi Welscott was left off the list of members present.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting with the addition of Jodi Welscott listed under Members Present.

Made by: D. Rastall Supported by: A. Cook

Results: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Morgan reported the total cash on hand is \$140,176.07. Two invoices were presented for payment: Darpel & Associates, \$915 for materials and installation of window murals and Bryan Mix-Dean, \$45 for three 30-second commercial voice-overs.

Motion: To approve payment of the invoices as presented.

Made by: A. Cook Supported by: T. Morgan

Results: Motion carried.

Communications – None.

Old Business

- A. DDA board seat vacancy – Sheaffer had invited Erica Ramos from Chemical Bank, who had agreed to come to the meeting but did not show after all.

New Business

- A. 2010 Meeting Schedule – Sheaffer presented the meeting schedule for 2010. She explained there were two dates on which the DDA is being asked to meet on Mondays instead of Wednesdays due to the primary and general elections in August and November respectively.

Motion: To approve the 2010 meeting schedule as presented.

Made by: D. Rastall Supported by: A. Cook

Results: Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Economic Restructuring – The committee has not met. The Festival Committee has partnered with the Children's Museum of Fennville in sponsoring a beer tent for the Winterlude festival. The committee is planning a Winterlude-themed float for the Christmas parade. The high school band director refuses to participate in the Winterlude parade as he says the cold weather damages the instruments.

- A. Organization – The committee has not met.

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- B. Physical Elements – Rummer reported the committee met earlier and discussed the Notice of Intent for the streetscape project. The State should have its decision regarding it by December 16th.
- C. Promotion – Morgan reported the committee meets tomorrow. LaShell stated a winter-themed commercial is being developed as well as those for the school.

Miscellaneous – Rastall reported he had contacted Michigan Township Services as discussed at last month's meeting regarding one of the downtown buildings.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. with the next regular meeting to be held on January 6th at 7:00 p.m.

(Minutes submitted by Lisa A. Sheaffer)