

OTISVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Meeting Held

Special Meeting

May 11, 2009

The meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Billy Weaver

1. Roll Call

Present: Leonard Carpenter, Paul Harmon, Arden Hudson, Billy Weaver, Deb Schultz-Pawloski,

Absent: Bob Price (in Florida), Frank Worvie, Valerie Bader, Tom Bess

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion by HUDSON and second by SHULTZ to accept the minutes of the meeting held April 27, 2009 as presented. All yeas. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Finance Report

As of May 7, 2009

DDA Checking	\$ 347.45
DDA Savings	\$150,167.92
Transportation Bond Fund	\$ 619.53
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,170.48

- Motion by HUDSON and second by HARMON to accept the Finance Report as presented. All yeas. Motion Carried.

4. Payment of Bills

Jack and the Beanstalk	Weed & Feed Memorial Park	\$ 57.00
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- Motion by HUDSON and second by CARPENTER to pay all bills and draw warrants for same. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. Motion Carried.

5. Petition and Unofficial Communications (Audience)

None

6. Communication from other Village Officials

Dave reported that the 3.1 million dollar law suit against him by Carl Jennings has been dismissed. Jennings has filed a new law suit against the village claiming that all village ordinances are illegal.

7. Committee Reports

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Arden reported that a committee comprised of Leonard, Deb, and himself had met and has come up with some proposed wording for the plaque that will be attached to the base of the new clock. Arden will check on appropriate sizes for the plaque with his distributors.

8. Old Business

a. Decorative Street Lighting

Dave reported that Consumers Energy has a new decorative street lighting manager who will be coming out this Thursday with his installation contractor to look at the project. Leonard will also be on hand for the meeting. Deb asked if a light could be placed just West of the Subway's driveway on E. Main Street. Everyone was in agreement that it would be a good area for a decorative street light.

b. Proposed Village Clock

The Board was presented with a color sample sent from the Verdin Company who manufactures and sells the clock.

- Motion by HUDSON and second by CARPENTER to accept the color "Verdin Green" as submitted by the company for the new clock. All Yeas. Motion Carried.

c. Future DDA Projects

Tabled

d. Proposed Storm Sewer Improvements

Tabled until such time as engineering can commence.

e. Facade Improvement Program.

Dave reported that he now has the contact information for the University of Michigan Flint Outreach Program. He will contact them to see if they may be able to assist in this project. Dave has also discussed possible financing mechanisms with Citizen's Bank and will meet further with them.

9. New Business

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a. Signs to Identify Local Business

The Board discussed the need for signage on M-15 that directs motorist to W, Main Street businesses. Dave will contact MDOT to see what their sign regulations on M-15 permit. One possibility might be increase the size of the cluster signs located at the village limits to include the names of the businesses.

The Board also discussed making improvements to the cluster signs. They need to be painted a light color in order to make the signs more visible.

b. Village Wireless Internet Service (wifi)

Michael Harmon made a presentation to the Board of available wireless internet technology that could possibly help promote business in the community as providing affordable Internet service to village residents.

The basis for the proposal which would be a pilot project modeled after the City of Ypsilanti, MI. The project would place wireless Internet equipment into businesses in the village who had broad band Internet connections thus creating free wifi service to everyone in range of the wifi sending device.

There was a great deal of discussion from the Board. Mr. Harmon stated that he would like to seek a grant from the federal government to pay for the equipment and would like to set up a pilot project in the village with the blessing of the DDA and ultimately from the Village Council.

Motion by HUDSON and second by CARPENTER to have the Director draft a letter of support endorsing Michael Harmon's Pilot Project within the Village. All Yeas. Motion Carried.

The Board asked Mr. Harmon to submit a map of the proposed locations for the transmitters and the proposed coverage. The Board also advise Mr. Harmon to take his proposal to the Village Council prior to going door to door talking to residents.

c. Internet Web Site for the Village

The Board discussed the need for a village web site that would allow the public to view Ordinances, rules and regulations, and obtain general information about the community.

Motion by SCHULTZ and second by HUDSON to have the Director get cost and other information relating to setting up a web site for the village. All yeas. Motion Carried.

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10. Communications from Board Members

None

11. Adjournment

➤ Motion by HUDSON and second by HARMON to adjourn. All Yeas. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

David A. Tatrow
Secretary /Director