

VILLAGE OF HOLLY
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting

The Village of Holly Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Marty Lorenz in the Village Council Chambers located at 315 S. Broad Street, Holly, Michigan.

Board Members Present

Lisa Clark
Kel Leigh Coale
Ray Rath
Marty Lorenz
James Hilty
John Winglemire
Jeannie Montooth
Evelyn Raskin

Board Members Absent

Pete Clemens

Others Present

Staff Present

Suzanne Perreault
Marsha Powers

Motion Montooth, second Rath to excuse Clemens. Motion carried by a voice vote of eight ayes and no nays.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion Montooth, second Lorenz to approve the 8/10/09 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote of eight ayes and no nays.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion Clark, second Rath to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote of eight ayes and no nays.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Perreault said it appeared a negative amount was spent in July, but this is not so and is explained later in the report.

Motion Lorenz, second Clark to approve the Financial Report for July in the amount of \$8,367.53 and August in the amount of \$6,666.32 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Coale, Hilty, Raskin, Clark, Lorenz, Rath, Montooth, Winglemire

Voting against: None

Absent: Clemens

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Montooth, speaking as a resident:

- Why are flowers dead?
- Tree is stressed
- Are flowers being watered?
- A lot of money was spent, and they should receive better care
- No police presence during the Carry Nation Festival

- Kids were riding skateboards in inappropriate areas, causing damage
- Also, bikes are taking over the alley, and not riding responsibly
- Signs state no bikes or skateboards are allowed in Battle Alley, but it is not being enforced
- Store doors are being damaged by skateboarders
- Would like to have a carnival during the Carry Nation Festival for the youth
- Police will be contacted about the bike/skateboard problem

- \$3,000-4,000 left in the façade grant funds

Motion Clark, second Raskin for Rath to abstain from voting, since he is owner of one of the buildings Motion carried by a voice vote of eight ayes and no nays.

Motion Montooth, second Lorenz to approve both Façade Grant Requests with a maximum of \$1580 for 112 S. Saginaw and a maximum of \$1310 for 110 S. Saginaw. Roll call vote was as follows:

Voting for: Coale, Clark, Lorenz, Hilty, Winglemire, Montooth, Raskin,

Voting against: None

Abstaining: Rath

Absent: Clemens

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Holly Crossing Property**
 - CSX letters & emails are in packets
 - Received a few responses
 - Discussed soil removal requirement and fencing with CSX
 - Involving DEQ would result in costly measures
 - Building removal was discussed
- 2) **Dickens Festival Update**
 - No update presented
 - Two fund raisers in Oct.

REPORTS:

- 1) **Committees**
 - Promotions discussed sharing the cost of newsletters with the Chamber
 - Ordering pink bags for Ladies Night
 - Had a good turn out and productive meeting
 - Gearing up for Ladies Night Out
 - Real Estate office is open and appealing to the Circuit Court
 - Business meets the Village Code, but was turned down by the Planning Commission because they felt it did not meet the Master Plan
 - Cannot stop the real estate company from being in the building
 - Sign cannot be put up
 - Rows of foreclosed homes in the windows is unattractive
 - Sign Ordinance does not apply to

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Approval of Façade Grant Application – 112 S. Saginaw St.**
- 2) **Approval of Façade Grant Application – 110 S. Saginaw St.**
 - Two building owners are working together
 - Repainting
 - New awning
 - Most money will spent on the rear of the buildings

temporary signs, such as those put up in the windows of the real estate office

2) DDA Director Perreault:

- Will be out-of-town Tues. & Wed. for the MI Downtown Conference
- Will get a free parking space study
- Had a DDA table at the Carry Nation Festival, but no one stopped by

3) Village Manager:

- Business Development Committee met
- Will do a survey about how businesses felt about Battle Alley being closed
- Awarded a \$2,498 Tree Grant from Consumers Energy

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Guy from Bordine's said flowers in town suffered from blight this year
- It was a problem in much of the area

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Montooth, second Clark to adjourn the meeting at 6:39. Motion carried with a voice vote of eight ayes and no nays.

Sheri McGee, Transcriber