

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

The regular DDA monthly meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Wickley on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Pete Mackin, Kathy Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Jon Luse, Jr., Steve Zutter, Peter Wickley and John Diebel

Absent: Lisa McKenzie

Guests: None

It was moved by Luse and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the October 2, 2017 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-Heard the City Transit ordered a new replacement bus at a cost of \$74,131, which is 100% grant funded.

-Reviewed the MDOT/MSU Transit customer survey results undertaken on site in June and noted customer satisfaction was very high

-Heard the City is undertaking a water distribution asset management plan as required by the DEQ, with completion due by January 1, 2018.

-Reviewed an agreement to provide 2 hours of free public skating between the City and PLMES at the Houghton County Arena for 7 years

-Noted the DEQ has posted a public notice on the new beach dock project dated October 16, 2017

-Noted the City purchased a new sidewalk snow blower at a cost of \$15,700

-Noted the City campground had a record tourism season

-Reviewed the October 10, 2017 HB & PA minutes

-Noted the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

-Reviewed the monthly recycling figures

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- The copper trees will be installed on the Front St. wall in November by World of Wood.
- Reviewed the new downtown color brochure which costs \$860 for 2,500 brochures.
- Heard Ginger Alberti and Tom Sabo are getting ready to open Sew Cranky at 322 Quincy St.
- Discussed Vollwerth's smoking operation
- The Vapor Shop opened up at 326 Quincy St. in October
- Heard that Mark Koski and Koski Properties purchased the E.L.Wright Office Plaza, 801 N. Lincoln Dr.
- Heard that Paul Gemignani purchased the building located at 126 Quincy St.

The DDA Board reviewed the July 2014 promissory note between the DDA and Gino's Inc. and noted the monthly payments were still delinquent

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by Zutter to authorize a collection lawsuit if monthly payments are not current by March 31, 2018

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board looked at one option for a cigarette butt holder made by teracycle at a cost of \$99.96, and will revisit the matter in the spring.

The DDA Board noted the City Council on August 16<sup>th</sup> voted to strongly oppose HB 4503 which if enacted would preempt all local zoning to short term rentals in the state.

The DDA Board reviewed the MTU Project 2045 which plans to have 10,000 students. The board discussed housing options and parking that will be needed to handle the enrollment.

The DDA Board received an update on Finlandia University's enrollment and planned launch of on-line courses and programs

The DDA Board was briefed on the Keweenaw Culture Project being proposed by Josh Loar to have a new holiday season window display project undertaken by local artists with a budget of \$750.00

The DDA Board noted the State's Public Service Commission on October 28<sup>th</sup> approved the construction of two natural gas electric production facilities, one in Negaunee Township and one in Baraga Township to replace the electric production of the Presque Isle Plant in Marquette. In addition, the Commission approved Semco's project to construct a 43-mile-long new gas transmission main from Rapid River to Marquette, which will cost the average residential customer \$4.00 a month.

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It was moved by Mackin and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary Pro-Tem