

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2012**

Chairperson Pete Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012 with the following members present: Pete Wickley, Jordan Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Steve Zutter and Bill Laitila.

Absent: Frank Taucher, Jim Bogan and Bonnie Holland.

Guest/Staff: Rob Sintkowski, Lucille Sintkowski, John Haeussler, Jennifer Burkhouse, Tim Clark & Joe Masini.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the agenda with one addition, including St. Vincent De Paul roof replacement project.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the April 2, 2012 minutes with one correction, that Jim Bogan was present.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the April 10th and March 13th, 2012 HB & PA minutes.

-Reviewed the March 7, 2012 PLLB Long term outage group minutes, which included alternate locations for a pontoon temporary improvised rim bridge and a temporary bailey bridge.

-Looked at the new 2012 city event schedule recommended by the downtown marketing & business attraction sub committee.

-Heard that the State Dept. of Community Health will hold a public meeting in June on the Torch Lake superfund site.

-Received a Thank You from Terry Monson, Secretary, HB & PA acknowledging the annual DDA contribution of \$4,000 starting July 1, 2012.

-Heard the TORI will start up Saturday, June 2 on the Quincy Green.

-Heard that the 7th Annual Parade of Thanks will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m., starting in Houghton.

-Noted that Amy Juntunen has agreed to Chair the 2012 Bridgefest committee, and that the county arena will be the location of a new cage fight event on Saturday, June 16th.

-Reviewed the LDFA audit for FY 10/11 and the MTEC audit for FY 10/11.

-Heard that Habanero's Restaurant will open in June with 125 seats at the Scott building.

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-Heard that Franklin Twp. had secured funds to construct a new public sewer system for Ripley with construction expected in 2013.

-Heard that MDOT plans to reconstruct M-26 through Ripley in 2014.

-Heard that Bacco Construction had started milling and repaving US41 from Lake Annie road North to Calumet.

Tim Clark, owner of 316 Quincy Street, was present to discuss his application for a façade grant that was tabled at the April 2nd DDA meeting.

Tim said he was planning to convert the first floor of the building to commercial space, if the DDA approved his façade grant application. He provided a quote from T&T Contracting for \$8,622.93.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Fisher to approve a façade grant for Tim Clark, 316 Quincy St. in the amount of \$4,312.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA received a briefing on the \$1.2 million balance left of water main reconstruction work in the city for 2012, and noted Ethel Ave. from Hill St. to Ingot St. scheduled in June could impact the Keweenaw Co-op traffic flow. Bill Siler Contracting is the sub contractor completing this summer's work.

The DDA reviewed the MDOT Commission 5 year road and bridge construction plan adopted in January and noted the reconstruction of Front, Reservation and Quincy Streets were included for 2016.

The DDA discussed the impact on captured taxable value if the State Legislature adopts proposed personal property tax reform. One proposal would eliminate all personal property tax below \$40,000 taxable value beginning in 2013 which could cost the DDA about \$15,000 per year.

Another proposal is to eliminate all personal property taxes beginning in 2016 and phase it out over 5 years.

Over all, the city receives a total of \$68,000 or 5.83% of collected taxable value as personal property taxes.

The DDA noted that the current 30 year DDA plan adopted in September of 1984 will expire at the end of 2014, and the Elevation Street TIFA plan will expire in 2015. The DDA will continue to discuss the feasibility of extending the DDA after 2014.

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Rob & Lucille Sintkowski and Joe Masini, representing the St. Vincent De Paul Store at 204 Quincy were present to request grant assistance to help in the cost to replace the roof estimated to cost \$24,475 from an October, 2011 quote from Local Roofing Co. In addition to its resale shop, which brings in large shopper numbers, it also provides assistance to about 500 clients a month. Sintkowski noted that the store spent \$15,000 on façade work in 2010.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Laitila to provide a repair grant of \$10,000 to St. Vincent De Paul store at 304 Quincy St. toward the roof replacement project.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by J. Johnson and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-tem.