

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025**

Regular Meeting:

Call to order by Chairperson Jon Luse at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Lahti, Luse, Olsson, Nagel, Rickard, Salani

Absent: None

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Olsson to approve the agenda.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Fiala to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

- **Annual Sledding Party:** Saturday, January 11th from 2 – 4 pm at the Quincy Green Sledding Hill
- **Hancock Cold Season TORI and Neighborhood Marketplace:** Saturday, January 11th from 10 am – Noon at the Hancock Community Hub Gymnasium. The Cold Market will be open on Saturdays at HCH through May 2025.
- **Sauna Week 2025:** Copper Country self-guided Sauna Tours are January 19th from 1 – 5 pm, Sauna Stories Oral History are from January 20 – 24 at TAKKA Portage Saunas, Sauna Forum featuring Eero Kilpi discussing “Sauna Lost in Translation” is January 25th at 3 pm at the First United Methodist Church
- **HEIKINPÄIVÄ 2025:** Begins Saturday, January 25th with TORI markets from 10 am – 3 pm at the Finnish American Heritage Center and the First United Methodist Church, the parade at 11 am, outdoor games on Quincy Green at 11:30 am and Iltamat (dance/food) at the Finnish American Heritage Center at 7 pm.
- **Newsletter Update:** The quarterly newsletter is now produced as a monthly newsletter printed on the back of the City of Hancock resident’s water bill.
- **Main Street:** The City of Hancock is moving forward with the Michigan Main Street program and presented names and branding for the program for Hancock.

New Business

1. Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Diebel to fund \$2,780.00 for the purchase of four 55-gallon domed lid and liner garbage containers for Quincy Green. Motion withdrawn by Member Fiala.
Motion by Member Nagel and supported by Member Diebel to table this action until further information is available to include recycling containers.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Lahti, Luse, Nagel, Olsson, Rickard, Salani
No: None
Motion Tabled

2. Motion by Member Diebel and supported by Member Salani to approve funding in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the maintenance (cleaning, priming, painting) of the light pole Christmas decorations and replacing the light bulbs.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Lahti, Luse, Nagel, Olsson, Rickard, Salani
No: None
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Olsson to approve funding in the amount of \$14,000.00 for a “Snow Sculpting Competition” event in downtown Hancock.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Lahti, Luse, Nagel, Olsson, Rickard, Salani
No: None
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Member Diebel and supported by Member Olsson at 6:37 pm to enter a Closed Session: Pursuant to Open Meetings Act MCL15.268(1)(d).

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

5. Return to Open Session at 7:07 pm

Public Comment: None

Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Nagel to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried



Todd Gast, Community Development