

DDA MINUTES

Regular meeting

August 20, 2012

7:00pm

Tuscarora Township Hall

Call to order by

Introduction of new member Diana Mallory

Roll call

Present:

Dan Nivelte, Diana Mallory, Mike Saker, Scott Lange, Matt Whitener, Cindy Poquette, Mike Ridley, Guests: Mike Mapes, Scott Swanson and Guy Wodsworth

Absent: Brett Lindgren, Jim O'Donnell

Approval of June Minutes: No June Minutes to approve; Tabled until September Meeting

Agenda Approval: *Motion to accept the agenda:* Cindy Poquette, second Dan Nivelte

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in the savings is \$279,336.00 and checking balance is \$69,918.78

Checks written for \$2432.14 Mapes Electric and \$45.00 Cheboygan Tribune and checks written for lights \$16,557.00 to All-Phase Electric. Deposit of \$239 for sale of bridge pictures.

New bills to submit, \$65 Consumers Energy, and \$425 to Tuscarora for Street Sweeping, and Jim Bursey Sand Blasting for \$

Motion to approve the Treasury Report: Dan Nivelte, second Cindy Poquette

Unfinished Business:

Pathway Project-*Motion to put pathway project SPECIFICALLY the Pedestrian Refuge under duress because MDOT is insistent on it being in the plans,* Cindy Poquette, second Mike Ridley.

Mike reports that it is only a recommendation, but MDOT is insisting that it remain in the plans. Andersons and the State Park representative was there at the meeting but pleading the case did not work. The State Park is now for the Island refuge. The disbursement of funds is in question, since it is being funded by 3 different sources, Trust Fund/Safer house to School/MDOT transportation Enhancement. The fact is that some is pay as we go and some will be reimbursed. The School, the township and the county are the applicants. There are 3 sources of money.

Community Facilities Loan:

We got the loan/1.2 Million; Mike Ridley read an email from Brett Lindgren expressing his concerns. Useful life of asphalt=15 years, so we can only afford to borrow what we can repay in 15 yrs. Time is the concern of the project and how it affects the businesses in town. Do we do it for what we can afford, or what? Difficulty is with Consumers (utilities). Mike Ridley went to PFC meeting in Grayling and got nowhere d/t bureaucracy, and still no commitment to the plan. WE NEED TO KNOW THE COST and we don't have any idea. Should we do a portion of the road, or what we can afford? If everyone is paying for it, we need to do the project in full all at once...all or nothing. Controversy is on the table to bury all lines or leave one side above ground. We can't borrow to bury lines, but if they have to pay to bury one side, we should be able to pay to have the other side buried. Cost is approximately \$500-\$1000 per house for buried lines. We all want to see it done but not getting an answer from the Utility Companies. Lewis likes power lines, looks/safety, none of us bought into it. Is it possible for PIE&G to come in and give us a bid? Brian Burns, CEO of PIE&G will be contacted to attend a future meeting. Much discussion regarding who to contact to get answers and bids. Cindy and Mike will be making some calls. Get a copy of the Legend Contract by next meeting, and then at October meeting get some decisions made. We have to know the costs, what we are doing and get it rolling.

Street light (at the bridge) are completed, and everyone likes them. Bright and turned out very nice.

Public Comment:

What are we going to do if the poles are back where they should be instead of burying lines, what will happen to the rest of the street lights. Question proposed by Guy Wodsworth. DDA paying for burying lines and do it right. Can they charge electric bill customers to pay for the charges?? We don't trust them to charge accordingly. One Million dollars is the "Quote". We (DDA/Residents) are willing to pay for it, because we feel it will bring more business to town, which is one of the goals.

Motion to do the project all at the same time and do it correctly: Dan Nivelt, seconded by Cindy Poquete.

Motion to meet every two weeks until this project "time line" is established, Mike Ridley, seconded by Diana Mallory

Dan Nivelt will contact Bill Behm re: gas line contracting. We must get the loan closed by October 1st. Many contractors will need to be contacted and in attendance at the next meeting. Next meeting will be September 10th and then September 24th, 2012. Mike Saker and Dan Nivelt will not be able to make it for the September 10th meeting. For a FORUM we need 5 in attendance. Mike Saker is questioning whether to replace Jim O'Donnell and Brett Lindgren d/t attendance issues. Mike Ridley advised that Jim will not miss another meeting, so we should have enough for a forum. Much discussion on the loan

terms and the townships contractors (gas/electric/phone/cable). Need participation from the consumers as well.

Update on light:

Banner arms, should they be on the back side of the poles?? Can be turned around but would be a lot of work. The contractor said they should be on the back side.

The 2 lights on the bridge are not working, Mike Mapes is working on that and getting new ballasts coming for them. Lights have been a time issue and a cost issue as well. Lights shining on the bridge face are not working either, Mike Mapes will be calling for a field service agent from the manufacturer to come and take a look at them, since the sales reps don't have any answers, per DDA request. Scott went to the manufacturer's website (Hydrel) and they had application instructions posted. West Michigan Lighting in Grand Rapids will be contacted.

Bills to be paid:

Jim Bursey/Northern Sandblasting and Restoration \$270, Tri Rivers Collision \$429.38. Holophane will reimburse us for these payments per Mike Ridley. *Motion to pay the local Contractors*, Mike Saker seconded by Dan Nivelt, all in favor.

Motion to pay the bill to Mapes Electric for \$3445.42(not including the red line items), Mike Ridley, seconded by Mike Saker.

Damage to the lights was discussed; they should be cribbed next time to minimize damage. Finish warranty, Bonnie was supposed to follow up, no details at this time. Banner arm location will be confirmed.

Nominations/Election of officers (Slate):

Scott Lang for Treasurer nominated by Dan Nivelt

Diana Mallory for Secretary nominated by Mike Ridley

Dan Nivelt nominated as Chair by Matt Whitener

Cindy Poquette nominated as Vice Chair by Dan Nivelt, Cindy accepted, and Mike Ridley seconded.

Roll Call Vote: yes from all in attendance.

Next meeting: September 10th

Meeting adjourned: 8:26p.m.

Meeting reopened: *Motion to pay these two invoices, Cindy Poquette, seconded Mike Saker*. Two invoices paid, for street sweeping \$425 and underground service/Tuscarora township \$65. All in favor

Meeting re-adjourned: 8:33 p.m.