

DDA MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 17, 2012

7:00pm

Tuscarora Township Hall

Call to order by Dan Nivelte at 7:00 pm

Roll call

Present: Brett Lindgren, Cindy Poquette, Dan Nivelte, Mike Saker, Mike Ridley, Matt Whitener

Absent: Diana Mallory, Scott Lange, Jim O'Donnell

Guests: ?

Approval of the Agenda: **Motion** was made by Brett to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting and seconded by Matt Whitener.

Approval/Amended Minutes:

September Minutes are not present-not approved, table till January.

October Minutes have been approved at the last meeting.

November minutes amended by Cindy, some name corrections. I did correct Brett's email that I had from Mike, so he should be getting emails now. I, Diana Mallory do apologize for the errors. November minutes were approved by Brett and seconded by Mike.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Nivelte provided financials due to Scott's absence. \$279,715.73 in the savings account and \$16,446.81 currently in the checking account. The cost of the Audit was \$245. \$360 was paid (first installment) for the street lights and a balance of \$81.40. A bill was presented to us by Cindy for \$15.05 for mailings. Motion made by Brett to pay these bills and Matt seconded.

Cindy made an editorial comment on the Sewer Meeting regarding being offended by discussions that have taken place at meetings regarding the streetscape without the DDA present, which is funding the project. The solution recommended was that Gourdie-Frasier needs to be in attendance at a future meeting and information shared with the DDA.

New business:

We have not heard from Hydrel, but received the refund from Hallophane of \$1759.38. Did also get a letter from Hallophane about the light poles that are up and defective, they are suggesting 3 different options for repairs. (See letter for details)

Cindy wants to see if they will supply the 8 poles and we pay for the ones that are already up to be repainted, that would be acceptable to her. Concerns were discussed at length regarding the constant maintenance on these “repaired” poles. Dan suggested sending a letter to them stating just that. There was much discussion on how to proceed. We don’t feel that we should pay for these 8 poles. There was much more discussion about suppliers and contractors to provide these poles and setting them.

Mike Ridley suggested mailing a letter to Dave Smith to see what his response will be. Much Discussion.

Motion was made by Brett to send the letter to Hallophane replace the “complete bad package” with installation at no charge. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Public comment was made, unknown guest. Lights should be similar throughout town as well to match the lights already on the bridge.

Update on the pathway project:

Cindy checked and no emails back from the agencies that were kindly asked what was taking so long for the go ahead. Cindy anticipates that things should be ready to go by the next meeting.

Updates on the Streetscape:

Cindy was surprised that the Township Board voted to approve Gleason Vandenbrink because we had already done it and by law she wants us to be aware that we can make an entry in to contracts necessary to the exercise of our powers and performance of our duties. Much Discussion regarding the DDA’s responsibility and that we did nothing wrong.

The DDA would like to see a Gourdie-Frasier representative at our next meeting. Many of us felt Craig knew more about what was happening than the DDA did.

Public Comment made by an unknown guest, regarding cross overs by Josh (Consumer Rep) etc. Much discussion regarding drawings and costs of moving poles etc. Mike advised he will contact Josh in the morning. Cindy will call the Phone Company (Ollette) to request they attend the next meeting.

Dan Nivelt will be the liaison with Brian Bowles from CCRC/MDOT regarding the task force money.

Public comment was mad by an unknown, regarding concerns on if we will have trouble with Gourdie-Frasier in the future on this project as the Primary Engineers. Also concerns on lack of brightness of the bridge lighting and future lighting with the hood on the current lights for the businesses. This is a hallophane issue, not a Gourdie-Frasier concern. Another concern was regarding why the minutes have not been posted on the website. Another question on if in 2010 the DDA was asked to pay a \$4000 bill to Gordie-Frasier, was that study paid for? The Township Board paid it per Mike Ridley. Also did the DDA have a say in if the streetscape was severed from the sewer project? I would guess endorsement is the concern of the sewer project. No defined answer.

Next meeting: January 21, 2013

Motion to adjourn made by Matt, supported by Mike, and adjourned at 7:48 p.m.