

## TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes: Monthly Meeting 12/21/20

**Roll Call: 7:00 pm**

- Present: M. Ridley; D. Mallory; D. Driskill; D. Bodnar; D. Nivelt; M. Saker; D. Yaczik
- Absent: D. Friedreichsen; K. Olsen

**Approval of Current Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion was made by D. Bodnar; seconded by M. Saker to approve meeting agenda with one change; to add to NEW BUSINESS; Trees and shrubs in front to the Chamber Building, All in favor.
- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 2020 with one correction re: local Police, not DNR to enforce restricted vehicles on the pathway, was made by M. Ridley and Seconded by D. Driskill, All in favor.

**Financials for November 2020: Presented by M. Ridley**

- Municipal Money Market..... Balance \$370,898.44

Bills due: MAC Construction Testing \$2274.00; OHM \$2501.40; Kirk Huth Lange and Badalamenti PLC \$31.25 and \$452,275.32 to CCRC.

Motion to pay all the bills made by D. Yaczik; seconded by D. Mallory. All in favor.

**Budget Review for the Pedestrian Pathway Project:**

M. Ridley will get us a spreadsheet for next months meeting with details. But we are well within the budget for this project. Approximate numbers are as follows:

\$1.425 Million (currently spent), plus \$470K for Elmers, \$66K to Consumers, \$20K to Legal, \$15,000 for signs, \$250K in the Spring for paving, striping, and milling and \$180K to the County (Dana). We are at approximately \$1.6 Million with those numbers and well within our Budget.

**New Business:**

- **East Side pole removal B & W Underground and Consumers:**  
Need to get a bid from B & W on moving the poles. Phil gave a verbal NON-official amount of \$60K to move their poles...both are informational only!! There is still one pole up that Charter is still attached to and M. Ridley put a call in to them as to why this is still there and are waiting for an answer from Charter. For the FUTURE PROJECT of moving the WEST SIDE poles behind the existing buildings, Phil (Consumers) said todays estimate would be around \$2Million.
- **Hill Mountain Signs Change in Bid:**

The new Bid Amount is \$14,186.00. the original bid for 11 poles was \$12,936.00. We will be getting 12 poles and 4 extra signs, \$376.00 and a change in the selection of the powder coating was in the amount of \$874.00. A motion to approve the new bid was made by D. Bodnar and seconded by D. Mallory, All in favor.

- **Corner Discussion/Moran Sturgeon Sculpture:**

MDOT is ok with this project construction and CCRC/Brent Shank voted on it and approved it as well so the permit was applied for the project. The DDA would like this project to happen, a motion was made by D. Bodnar and supported by D. Driskill, All in favor. The Woman's Club and TT Board will also be approached for their opinion on the project as well. The BLPA is already raising funds for the project. The sculpture is priced at \$20,000 and there will also be extra costs which will include extensive landscaping, informational kiosks, and benches etc. to provide details and learning opportunities for the public. D. Bodnar suggested to contact Brenda Archambo for assistance with this project.

- **Lights at McCluthey's:**

There is a LACK of lighting in front of McCluthey's store front and it is too dark, and OHM is accountable for the blunder and to rectify this issue. M. Ridley met with Kathy and offered 4 options:

1. Ambient Lighting
2. Attach lighting to the building
3. Use utility poles and attach lights to those
4. Separate lights entirely

Kathy will take some time and decide what would be best for her store front and get back to the DDA.

- **Chamber Building trees and shrubs:**

Will, the Chamber Director was in attendance by phone during this meeting. The DDA has proposed to take this out of the project now and pay for it with DDA funds in the Spring when the vegetation has a better opportunity for survival. D. Nivelt made this motion and D. Bodnar was in support, All in favor.

- **Update of project Progress:**

We are all EXTREMELY excited for Spring and everything is moving along well.

#### **Public Comment:**

1. S. Swanson mentioned that an overall design/Site Plan (MDOT would be necessary before starting the Corner Sturgeon Project. We are all in agreement.

#### **DDA Board Comment:**

1. D. Driskill feels strongly that the sidewalk to Justin Paton's Memorial WILL need to be completed as well. Merry Christmas to all!!!
2. B. Kramer was on the line for this meeting as well and feels the same about the Corner Sturgeon Project and that it is an especially important and significant symbol to this community. He also

would like to involve our Native American Community in this project as well. He also agrees with D. Driskill in the fact that the sidewalk does need to be extended to the Paton Memorial Monument (per the family's request). And in closing he wanted to share what he heard from the News Crews that were in town; He has heard back from all that visited the Downtown Area and they all expressed how GREAT the project looked and how wonderful of an impact it will be on our Community.

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm by D. Nivelt, seconded by M. Saker; All in favor.

Next Regular Meeting: January 18, 2021, 7p Township Hall