

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

Time: 7p

Location: Township Hall

Call to Order. Membership Roll Call:

PRESENT Dan Nivelt, Chairman; Secretary; Diana Mallory, Treasurer; Vice Chair Diane Friedrieachsen; Mike Ridley, Kris Olson; Sue Fisher; Dawn Bodnar: ABSENT; Dave Driskill; Dave Yaczik

I. Agenda – Motion to approve agenda with changes made by Dawn Bodnar 2nd Diane Friedrieachsen

II. Meeting Minutes – March Meeting motion to approve minutes with date changes made by Dawn Bodnar 2nd Diana Mallory

III. Financial Report/Bills

A. Balance is \$89679.65 Add \$8026.00 for 2022. Will move \$6600 from the pool to USDA Bond Reserve. Current Funds are \$236,429.00. No Bills.

Motion to approve the Financial Report made by Mike Ridley 2nd Diane Friedrieachsen, all in favor.

IV. New Business

A. Chamber request: Shiloh(sp) Chamber Manager/Nathan Wright was not present at the time, will table to see if she will be in attendance. She is interested in asking the DDA for funds to pay for the POW WOW scheduled for June 17 at Marina Park. Shilo in attendance at 7:45 pm. This event is moving this year from Mackinaw City to IR Marina Park. She advised us in great detail of the scheduled Pow Wow, with drums and dancers. She advised that the IR Tourist Bureau has closed and will not be an option as a supporting entity. Nathan has applied for a Grant to support this event. A question was brought up if the Chamber is hosting SummerFest/Summer Gala in Indian River as well. No information since Shiloh(sp) has left the meeting.

B. Resignations: Dave Driskill. Mike Ridley read the resignation letter from Dave Driskill. Motion to accept his resignation was made by Sue Fisher and 2nd by Dawn Bodnar. All in favor. Matt Whitner may be interested in replacing Dave Driskill, this must be posted first.

C. Budget: Sue Fisher presented numbers. Keeping the property at \$90,000. Summer series donations at \$2500, reimbursements at \$500. Put money towards the Sturgeon and did not receive any back for reimbursement. \$4700 DDA donations unspecified/electric and foundation and kioskes were received. BLPA, DDA and Sturgeon for tomorrow paid for the kioskes. Sue assumed we were supposed to get some back for the Music Series, but have not. Thinking of reducing the loan down to \$300,000 because we don't know how much it will cost to replace the poles. We want this to be done before Memorial day so the sidewalks will not be torn up. Much discussion on ideas for this budget item. We increased expenses to \$4500 to

install the well under professional for the title work and permit. \$4000 was budgeted for Community Promotions and \$1500 for the Summer Music Series. We spent \$4900 in Community Promotions and \$1150 for the Summer Music Series. We agreed to spend \$3000 for the Summer Music Series. We allowed \$500 for fireworks but did not use that since we got donations. \$1000 was secured for the bagpipers. We were never billed for the audit, Sue followed up with an email to get that. The watering truck to water the flowers was set at a max of \$3200-\$3500. A cap will be put on what the DDA will allow for Community support. Diane F. stated that our mission is not to be the primary supporter of these Community Sponsorships. We are not opposed to assisting but we will have to have an active discussion of this matter. Many concerns discussed. The Chamber and Tourist Bureau should also be involved. Much discussion of the Chamber and operation of the Tourist Bureau and their status of their operations. Should we change the location of the Summer Music Series to possibly Northland Brewery or Marina Park instead of DeVoe Park? Much discussion. This should be collaborative events along with monetary support. Matt Whitner has offered to assist regarding the Summer Music Series, but also going to host a Farmer's Market on Thursdays at Northland Brewery as well and didn't want it to compete. The Farmer's Market could be ended before the Summer Music Series which would start at 6:30pm. The possibility of putting a band shell at Marina Park was discussed. Local Businesses support IR Christmas. *Dan Nivelt makes the motion to move the Music Series if the contactors agree, Sue Fisher in support, All in favor.* If they do agree, new contracts will be drafted. Shiloh(sp) in attendance at 7:45 pm. Will revisit the Chamber request agenda item that was tabled at this time. If the Tourist Bureau still has money, (5%) it must go to Promotions in the Community. Patty Anderson was on the Board, so she should be contacted for details. Back to the Budget: \$3500 promised to the Womans Club for watering, \$3000 for the Summer Music Series, \$1500 for the 4th of July Parade, there is no room in the Budget for the Pow Wow. \$8000 total for Community Promotion out of \$20,000 has been dedicated for the year 2024.. So the DDA projects aren't getting funded, which is our priority. We will apply for the Grant with Cheboygan County Community Foundation. For next year (2024) are we willing to put these same numbers in the Budget? The good thing is that we are ahead of the bond and principle payments. This year (2023) we went over budget on this line item by \$200 that was moved from Contingencies. Much discussion.

D. Street Cleaning: Chamber and Tuscarora Township did one each. \$575.00 each. *Motion was made by Dawn Bodnar to cover one street cleaning up to \$600, Diane Friedrieachsen 2nd, all in favor.*

V. Update on Old Business:

A. Fish/Title: Adam Cross Polte Lawyer advised could be \$2000 for a title search, and permit for small piece of land. *Motion made by Dawn Bodnar to cover up to \$2500 for title search, Diana Mallory 2nd, all in favor.*

Consumers: Waiting to bore, and Mike will speak to them when they arrive here.

Capital Improvenment Plan-Discussed

Music Series-Discussed

4th of July Parade-Discussed; will happen on July 2nd.

VI. Public Comment: Tyler Goral and Rebecca Goral in attendance and presented questions on donations for Community Events. We cannot take donations for an event we are not sponsoring. The Chamber can take donations for events in their area. They are business owners in our area. Tuscarora Talks Back website, Tuscarora Township Website along with Burt Lake Buddies and Mullet Lake Lovers are full of information of openings for board seats, etc. Patrick McGuinness discussed an email that was sent to the Tuscarora Township Board Members, Volunteers and Committees by Trustee Bob Kramer, and offered his opinion on the email.

VII. DDA Board Comment: Sponsorship of the Pow Wow is too late for this year. Talk with Nathan for future events may ensue. Trying to grow the IR Christmas Event as well. Tuscarora Township takes donations for the fireworks. No motion made in the event of the Pow Wow. Mike would like to contact Nathan Wright for future possibilities. May meeting will be the last Mike Ridley will attend as a member of the DDA.

VIII. *Motion to Adjourn at 8:39 pm by Mike Ridley and Dawn Bodnar 2nd, all in favor.*

Next meeting: May 22, 2023