

Elkton DDA Meeting  
Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
Elkton Village Hall  
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Chairman Kurt Damrow called the meeting of the Elkton Downtown Development Authority Committee to order at 6:00P.M. Committee members present are: Martin Baker, Dennis Ropp, Joe Sherwood, and Carrie Williams. Excused absent are: Jeff Daniels, Christine Peyerk, Terry Heck, Dave Fisher, and Deb Leipprandt. Guests present are: Kim Asmondy and Jamie Wolschlager.

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Dennis Ropp, Second by Martin Baker. Motion passes.

1. No new update on property taxes/TIF money. The State of Michigan issued municipalities a reimbursement for lost IPT money. Martin Baker is looking into what account the money is disbursed and whether or not it is DDA money.
2. The Downtown area is in need of replaced sidewalks. The DDA financing the completion of Ropp Dr. would be a goal of the DDA once TIF money is in place.
3. Kurt suggested a policy should be established to handle vacant buildings such as the old NAPA store. The DDA is making a recommendation to the DPW committee and the Village Council to adopt such a policy. Randy Haley, as the new Village President, will bring this suggestion to the other committees. Also, it was suggested there may be grant money for demolition of vacant or abandoned buildings.
4. Kurt will call the DEQ to find out the test results of the ground contamination on the Park Expansion property. Jen Rezmer is the contact person from the DEQ. Grant applications for park projects are usually due by April or May, so if the Village is purchasing any park property, it would be best to have that happen soon. Kurt stated the MotoPlex property has been leveled and returned to the condition it was in prior to the dirt bike race track.
5. The Youth Center roof is finished by H & H Roofing. It only took a few days to complete. Jeff Zarnke has been appointed the Youth Center Representative from Council. The DDA needs to generate more ideas for events or programs in the Youth Center and Civic Center. More events would bring more people into the Village, especially during the winter months. The rental contact information for the Youth Center and the Civic Center will be put on the Village website.

In new business, Kurt updated the DDA on the Election results. Randy Haley is the new Village President and will attend all DDA meetings. Randy Haley replaces Phyllis Podlaskowski on the DDA Committee. All DDA members had their terms renewed for 1 year. An I-69 Thumb Region grant called Tourism First impressions Program was discussed. The grant is given through the MSU Extension Office- Tourism Team. Motion by Martin Baker, Second by Dennis Ropp to have Phyllis Baranski submit the application by December 2<sup>nd</sup> on behalf of the DDA. Motion passes. Motion by Martin Baker, second by Carrie Williams to donate \$300 to OTFD Ladies Auxiliary for Lunch with Santa on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Motion passes. Kurt gave a listing of all the Christmas in Elkton events planned for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Carrie Williams gave information about Frankenmuth Credit


Union's application for non-profit organizations to receive grant money from FCU. The link is on the Credit Union's website. Motion Martin Baker, Second by Carrie Williams to donate \$100 to Elkton Area United Way. Motion passes.

Motion Kurt Damrow, Second Martin Baker to remove Phyllis Podlaskowski and replace her with Randy Haley as a signer on DDA checking accounts at Frankenmuth Credit Union. Motion passes.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Kurt Damrow, Second by Martin Baker. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:12P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC



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