

ISHPEMING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting of September 26, 2011

A meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Chairman Brad Argall called the meeting to order.

Present: Brad Argall, Cheryl Kellow, Jered Ottenwess, Charlie Anderson, David Aeh, Elaine Racine, Jason Gauthier, Stacey Willey, Diane Gauthier, and Sandy Sundquist

Also present were Treasurer Anita Keto, Mike Koski of Congress Pizza, Diane Pellinen and Dennis Stanaway of the Superior Model A's Club, Ernie Johnson of the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club, and Carr Baldwin and Bill Sanders of U. P. Engineers & Architects.

Public Comment

Ernie Johnson expressed his appreciation for the financial assistance that was given for their event in conjunction with the Renaissance Faire. He said the event was successful, and the Rock and Mineral Club have a number of activities planned during the next year.

Diane Pellinen said the Superior A's of Ishpeming, a Model A Club, were selected to host the 2012 national convention from June 18-22, 2012. There will be 300 to 400 Model A's in the area. A number of activities are planned, mostly in Marquette because of the size. Some activities will be held in Ishpeming, including a car parade from Cliffs Shaft to Negaunee and then to Al Quaal. This is the first small community to get a convention. Mrs. Pellinen inquired if funding assistance was available, but did not have a specific request at this time. She was advised that the DDA would only provide funding for an expense that was generated in Ishpeming.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier and seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the minutes of August 22, 2011, as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Mrs. Keto indicated there were no unusual expenditures last month.

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Gauthier to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Letter from Attorney Steven Pence Regarding the Congress Building Wall

A letter was received from Steven Pence stating that the DDA is responsible for the cost of repairs to the Congress building wall following demolition of the Penney building. Mr. Pence included two proposals with his letter; one from David Holsworth, Mudmen Masonry, for \$29,000 and the other from David Allan Masonry for \$5,655. The bid from Allan Masonry does not include the cost of capping the parapet.

Mike Koski said the work was completed by David Allan Masonry, and he is requesting the DDA pay for the improvements.

It was questioned whether the clay tile was going to be used again, and Mr. Ottenwess was going to check. Mr. Koski said an estimated cost for capping the parapet is \$300.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier and seconded by Mrs. Racine to pay \$5,655 to David Allan Masonry and to pay for finishing of the ledge at a cost not to exceed \$350. Motion carried.

Mud Plunge Expenses

Services of the City DPW were required to prepare the site for the mud plunge in August. The cost of labor, equipment, and water was \$2,987.32.

A motion was made by Mrs. Willey and seconded by Mrs. Gauthier to reimburse \$2,987.32 to the City for services provided for the Mud Plunge, any future expenditures for City services are to be pre-authorized, and the coordinating event will be liable for the cost. Motion carried.

2012 DDA Budget

Mr. Ottenwess reviewed the items in the proposed 2012 budget prepared by the Executive Committee. Budgeted items include TIF funds and bond projects.

A motion was made by Ms. Kellow and seconded by Mr. Aeh to accept the proposed 2012 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Ishpeming Business Association Report

Mr. Anderson stated Ladies Night Out is scheduled for November 15. The annual Christmas Parade will be held on the day after Thanksgiving. Mr. Anderson represented the DDA at the Ski Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. TV 5 & 10 will show a video of the induction ceremony. All events were kept in Ishpeming this year.

Mr. Aeh said that the Ishpeming Historical Society has been chosen for the current charity of the year. A historically themed dinner is being planned for November 12 at the Butler.

New Business

Bill Sanders, Landscape Architect with U. P. Engineers & Architects, presented a Gateway Improvements Site Inventory and Opportunities showing how the gateway project could be approached. Sidewalk replacement and landscaping on the north side of Hematite Drive could be done in conjunction with the Negaunee sewer project. Signage could be erected to show the history of the City.

A DIG grant application could be submitted to maximize sidewalk improvements. The grant application could include landscaping and possibly lighting. A local match is required, with a minimum local match of 10%. A 40% match would make Ishpeming competitive. U. P. Engineer's estimated cost to prepare the application is \$2,500 to \$3,000. The application deadline date is October 21.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sundquist and seconded by Mr. Argall that U. P. Engineers & Architects proceed with the DIG grant application, with 50% matching funds committed by the DDA. Motion carried.

Mr. Aeh stated Ray Roberts has volunteered to work on entranceway improvements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Carol Holmgren
Recording Secretary