

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Record of the March 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting  
APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Roscoe Smith, Matt Barnes, Jim Stevenson, Mike Maher, Dale Feigley, Rick Hamill

**Absent:** Doug Bourgeois, John Hirzel, Cassie Blascyk

**Staff Present:** Melissa Dashevich, Director

**Visitors:** Huron Valley Schools: Donna Welch, Sandy Elka, Beth Lewis  
Kris Kopacki

**Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.**

**Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015**

**MR. STEVENSON MOVED TO APPROVE** the regular board meeting minutes of February 18, 2015 as presented. **MR. MAHER SUPPORTED** and **THE MOTION CARRIED** with a unanimous voice vote (6 yes votes).

**Director's Report**

Mrs. Dashevich's report was not reviewed, but is attached for board member review.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Hirzel is not in attendance; the financials are included in the board packet.

**MR. FEIGLEY MOVED TO TABLE** the March Treasurer's Report until next month. **MR. BARNES SUPPORTED** and **THE MOTION CARRIED** with a unanimous voice vote (6 yes votes).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Millage Vote - May 5, 2015**

Donna Welch, Huron Valley Schools spoke about the importance of the upcoming school millage proposal. Much discussion followed.

**National Main Street Conference**

**MR. FEIGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE** up to \$1,000 (airline, shuttle, hotel, food) for travel expenses for Mrs. Dashevich to attend the National Main Street Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. **MR. BARNES SUPPORTED** and the **MOTION CARRIED** with a roll call vote: Mr. Barnes-yes; Mr. Stevenson-yes; Supervisor Hamill-yes; Mr. Feigley-yes; Mr. Maher-yes; Smith-yes.

**Lowe's Grant Match**

Mrs. Dashevich discussed the progress of this grant that is being applied for by Mrs. Blascyk as part of her school program. It is a grant through Lowe's in the amount of \$16,000 for providing and installing landscaping in our new streetscape. There will be a grant match required, and the DDA must decide

how much to contribute. Mr. Feigley suggested 25%, which would be \$4,000. It was discussed in 2014 approx \$6,700.00 was either fundraised or donated for the streetscape. Mr. Feigley also suggested that the fundraising money in the future be accounted for in a line item of its own.

**MR. MAHER\_ MOVED TO APPROVE that the DDA's portion of the Lowe's landscape grant be set at 25% of the \$16,000, or \$4,000, and will be take from the general fund MR. BARNES SUPPORTED and THE MOTION CARRIED with a roll call vote: Mr. Barnes-yes; Mr. Stevenson-yes; Supervisor Hamill-yes; Mr. Feigley-yes; Mr. Maher-yes; Smith-yes. (6 yes votes)**

Doug Bourgeois Letter of Resignation from the DDA Board

Mr. Smith read Mr. Bourgeois' letter of resignation.

**SUPERVISOR HAMILL MOVED TO APPROVE Mr. Bourgeois' letter of resignation. MR. MAHER SUPPORTED and THE MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Joint Township Board Meeting on March 25, 2015 Highland Township's Commissions and Boards

Supervisor Hamill asked for the DDA's input for this upcoming meeting.

Mr. Maher expressed his interest in an over-the-road banner system as a gateway to Highland; investigate individual pole banners.

Mrs. Dashevich mentioned the DDA's desire for some sort of alternative sewer system. Supervisor Hamill stated that will be discussed and it would be helpful to know that the DDA is in support of some sort of micro-sewer system. One creative solution is connecting with White Lake.

Mr. Smith spoke about his desire for adding the landscaping to our streetscape project for 2015, and investigate wayfinding systems for 2016.

Mr. Barnes felt that promoting available properties to new business owners was key.

Supervisor Hamill added that keeping a rural atmosphere is important, as well as all government bodies and committees working together. Additional discussion took place regarding the former lumberyard and surrounding properties.

**COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Mrs. Dashevich reminded everyone of the upcoming social media classes. Mr. Maher spoke of the benefits Highland Feed experiences by using social media.

**Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Roscoe Smith

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