

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Record of the April 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

APPROVED

Members Present: Supervisor Hamill, Chris Hamill, Matt Barnes, Cassie Blascyk, Roscoe Smith, Mike Zurek, Dale Feigley, Sellon Patterson

Members Absent: Trevor VonBuskirk, Sarina Siljander

Staff Present: Melissa Dashevich, Executive Director
Karen Beardsley

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019.

MR. FEIGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 20, 2019, as presented. SUPERVISOR HAMILL SUPPORTED THE MOTION and THE MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote (8 yes votes).

OLD BUSINESS

a. Presentation on the Arch

(Tad Krear was unable to attend and present this week; he will present at a later date.)

Director's Report

Mrs. Dashevich reviewed her Director's Report; a copy is attached for review.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Hamill stated that another \$23,000 was added from TIF money. Positive revenue over expense of \$16,307.66. Most TIF money is received in January and February. The \$81,000 showing in miscellaneous is from the sale of the land that wasn't recorded until 2019. As year progresses, less TIF will be coming in.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Street Banners and Street Poles

Mrs. Blascyk spoke of a new banner program highlighting local veterans. This would be a program for individuals to participate in, not necessarily businesses. The company she is looking at provides the entire program with incentives and printing, marketing, and other options. There are at least 23 new light posts available, but room for additional banners on older poles.

MR. FEIGLEY MOVED TO APPROVE the adoption of the Military Banner Program that Mrs. Blascyk has been researching for fall installment. MR. ZUREK SUPPORTED THE MOTION and THE MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote (8 yes votes).

b. Farmer’s Market Interest

Mrs. Blascyk spoke for Sarina and her intent to get a farmer’s market up and running again in downtown Highland. She is applying to get permits for portable toilets and signage. The intent is for it to be at the intersection of Milford Rd. and Livingston Road, the ‘core’. Mrs. Blascyk felt that it would take awhile to make it happen, but possibly wouldn’t be until the fall. Also, looking into incentives for vendors, such as refunds of space fees if vendors are present for at least 75% of the season, co-op (sharing) of spaces, possibly allow handmade items. Saturday morning market is preferred.

c. Main Event is on Thursday, May 9th, at the Strand Theater in Pontiac, from 6 until 9 p.m., \$35

1. Three nominations submitted, one free ticket for each submission, how many additional tickets will HDDA purchase?

- a. Volunteer of the Year – The Lloyds
- b. Celebrating Main Street – Ladies Night Out
- c. Video also submitted – Cassie, Sellon and two businesses

SUPERVISOR HAMILL MOVED TO APPROVE the purchase of one additional ticket for The Main Event, bringing the total to four tickets to give to the Lloyd family. (3 free, plus 1 purchased). MR. FEIGLEY SUPPORTED THE MOTION and THE MOTION CARRIED with a roll call vote: R. Hamill-yes, C. Hamill-yes; Barnes-yes; Blascyk-yes; Smith-yes; Zurek-yes; Feigley-yes; Patterson-yes, (8 yes votes).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Design Committee – Garden Cleanup on downtown sidewalks is happening next Sunday, the 28th, from 11-2. More volunteers are needed.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT/NEW BUSINESS

Mill Valley Vacuum has moved out of Milford and into Highland next to Comeback Inn.

Rashid Construction has broken ground at the old MVP property.

The old lumberyard is up for sale again. Supervisor Hamill said the person who was previously interested in that property is no longer interested.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Feigley asked about the Harvey Lake Road property. He asked if provisions were being made to relocate the person who is living there. Some discussion took place of options that might be available to him.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:03.

Respectfully submitted,
Roscoe Smith

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