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DDA MEETING MINUTES Of October 23, 2020

Members Present: Huegli, Bacheller, Kenny, Bowman, Pringle, Director Paul Maxwell,
Supervisor Lewandowski Sec./Treasurer Shonka.

Members Absent: Harrison

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Huegli.

Motion by Bowman, second by Kenny, to approve the minutes of the, Sept 04 meeting.

Minutes are to be approved at next meeting.

Motion by Kenny, second by Bowman. to accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

Motion Passed.

Unfinished Business -

Director Maxwell updated the board on:

MDOT Rail/CN – BWATC has been awarded a \$1 million grant to study depot location feasibility. Director will update board on any future news on this project

COVID-19 – Continues to slow business. Business is under pressure to stay viable. Director is in contact with local businesses. Covid has effected most all local businesses. Restaurants that are doing takeout orders are doing much better than others which are not.

Fallen Heros Project – Approved \$5000 to fund the project at last meeting. Local families must contact the county veterans association with pictures and information on their loved ones who resided inside the township. An approved person will receive a banner which will be placed on a DDA district light pole.

Former Super K Mart Property– Some interest on the property. Some realtors have been in contact with the director and township on possibly sectioning off the building into smaller stores.

Sams club has done very well at the current location
Loves furniture has reopened. Two ART Van Family members are involved

2021 Budget approval - Projected income to be about \$10000.00 higher than previous year
Director will not request an increase in salary for 2021 and all other budget figures will stay the same for 2021.

Motion by Bowman. supported by Kinney. Motion Passed

DDA Twp meeting Schedule for 2021 - Motion by Bowman, supported by Bacheller to approve the meeting schedule.

Gas Stations - Looks to be more activity for new stations in the area. Huegli asked about a future charging station. DDA will look at the feasibility of a charging station in the future when demand changes. Wertz Mfg. is building battery components on the Howard St location for electric vehicles. Charging stations are located currently at the Doubletree Hotel.

Port Huron Pastry Location - Renovations have been completed and currently has several office space areas. Interest has increased at the building for locating a business there.

Former Shell station near DDA office is for sale and have had some interest there.

Dove Rd Dollar General – putting finishing touches on the facility and should be open soon. This is the Twp's second Dollar General store in the area.

Brainstorming –

Menards - out-lots – Properties are showing some interest in that area. Although properties seem to be more expensive, the infrastructure is already in place.

Former Kmart out-lot areas. Deed restriction are not believed to be enforceable at this time. Showing signs of activity in the out-lot areas.

Other Discussion –

DDA meetings Director is still in contact with other DDA's as well as

Next Meeting: January 15th 2021

Motion by, Bowman, Second By, Pringle, to adjourn. **Motion Passed.**

Adjourned @10:58am.