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DDA MEETING MINUTES

Of
4/16/2021

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

Members Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chairman Huegli.

Motion by Beedon, second by Bowman, to approve the minutes of the, July 19,2019 meeting. **Motion Passed.**

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

Unfinished Business -

Director Maxwell updated the board on:

M-DOT Rail/CN – BWATC Dave McElroy is taking over for the retired Jim Wilson. Mr McElroy reported at the Blue Meets Green meeting that they missed the deadline for authorizing the money and will have to be resubmitted. Also, the City of Port Huron Manager will oppose any location not in the city of Port Huron. The \$1million grant has been awarded for the latest study for the new station. The current location has no room to expand. And the parking is very limited especially in the winter months because of the snow storage located in the limited parking spaces. Port Huron Township has the room to place a facility as well as a maintenance facility to perform minor maintenance on their train. Blue Meets Green has the depot on the project board. Port Huron Township is the highest and best use for a depot location. Much discussion on this subject.

Civid-19 – Some businesses have closed again voluntarily. Huron Tuscola, Sanilac, and St Clair Counties are COVID-19 hotspots. We are at a 30% rate of people who have COVID

based on 100,00 population. We have more testing with pop up testing in the area. Chairman Maxwell is on the COVID-19 committee. The area needs to get to a certain point for vaccinations to turn the corner on infections.

Blue Water Fallen Hearos Project - Director Maxwell has been working with the county and the committee. We have purchased 15 sets of brackets and are optimistically hoping to have about a dozen banners up by Memorial Day. Cedar Hill graphics will be producing the 30 x 72 inch banners. Banners will be placed strategically throughout the township.

Former Super K Mart – Property was sold. New owners wanted to place an industrial business at the location. Uhaul was also interested in the property. The property is zoned commercial.

2413 White St – owner was requesting the Twp. to move the street light. The Township in the past has not paid for moving lights in the past. Lights on 24th St. as well as a light by the Eagles property were all paid for by the property owner.

Member Beedon asked about the DDA street lights, specifically the banding on the bottom of the light as well as the deteriorated paint on the lights. DTE Maintains the lights and is responsible for them. We have placed a request to replace the bands and paint.

COVID-19 – Chairman Maxwell has checked with area businesses and let them know of vaccine availability to their businesses to have them come to their business and immunize their employees and families.

Loves Furniture – continues to bring stock to the Twp. location and keep it open longer. The location is also used as their internet order fulfillment headquarters.

Fallen Heros – if you have any information to submit to the Fallen Heros Program to call 810-985-2007 with the persons name. Fallen Heros will do the research on the person.

EDA / Blue Meets Green – Chairman Maxwell serves on these boards and reports St Clair County has been allocated \$31 million for infrastructure “shovel ready” projects. The county land bank is looking for property with all utilities for development.

Brainstorming -

Announcements - Member Beedon is having a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday 4/22/21 at 4:00pm for Farm Bureau, Motto Mortgage and his Real Estate company.

Chamber member, Carter Concessions is doing a Tiger Baseball “Take me out to the Ball Game” themed activities.

Next Meeting: July 16,2021 @ 10:00am

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

Adjourned @10:45 am.