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**DDA MEETING MINUTES**  
Of  
**September 4, 2020**

This was a virtual meeting via Zoom

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

**Members Absent:** Chairman Huegli, Harrison

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Kenny.

Motion by Kenny, to approve the minutes of the, October ,2019 meeting. None opposed

**Motion Passed.**

Motion by Kenny. to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. None opposed. **Motion Passed.**

Unfinished Business -

Director Maxwell updated the board on:

MDOT Rail/CN – Received a \$1 million grant to identify five areas and then do an environmental statement on each one. Original proposal to build a new train station was in October 2013. No available space to grow inn current location.

Former Super Kmart – was placed in receivership Friedman and associates was granted as receivers of the property. Road repairs and building maintenance has been done since Friedman took over as receivership firm. Still engaged with filling the building but the size of the building is the biggest challenge.

New Business-

Covid-19 – Paul is talking to businesses on a weekly basis to see how the business is holding up. Most businesses are upset at the reduced capacity. Governor has issued statements recently that some Gyms may be able to open next week. The COVID issue has gotten quite political being an election year also and is stifling growth.

Former Art Van – Now Loves Furniture. Company appears to be doing ok.

EDA – EDA has some big projects coming up. A new automotive plant being built on Range and Yankee Roads in St. Clair Township. Building phase one will be 350,000 sq ft. and future phases will bring the building to 1 million sq. ft. This will bring more people to the area. This will help real estate and many other businesses in the surrounding area. MEDC is going to give a 1 million dollar grant which will be finalized in October.

Blue Water Area Fallen Heros Program - Program is for blue water area residents who have passed away and participated in any of the major wars. Send in a picture of the veteran and a banner will be made and hung on the township light poles in the DDA. A stand off adapter will need to be purchased to accommodate the longer banner as the townships banner mounts are not the correct distance for the new banners. The Township wishes to concentrate on Port Huron Township residents. Motion by Bowman, Supported by Pringle to approve and support the Blue Water Area Fallen Heros Program in the amount not to exceed \$5000.00. **Motion Passed.**

Update on active properties available for purchase. Former Super Kmart, three buildings available in the Kroger shopping center, one on Lapeer Rd. Our Building vacancies is currently very low compared to other townships. The Twp. has several available on Water St., such as the RV Park, Lions club, and the property along the river with the lagoon. There is also industrial property available along Griswold St. a new building, Dollar General, is about to be built on Dove rd. We have a great opportunity for growth in the Township.

Next Meeting: To be announced later but should be within thirty days.

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

Adjourned @ 11:42 am.