

SEBEWAING DDA COMMITTEE MEETING – October 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Julie Epperson at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Edward Canfield, Matthew Chisholm, Doug Deming, Julie Epperson, Emma Kauffold, Melanie McCoy, Jeff Parsons

Absent: Matt Bumhoffer, Neal Gettel

Others: Charlene Hudson, Linda Engelhardt

Motion by Melanie McCoy seconded by Doug Deming to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Melanie McCoy seconded by Emma Kauffold to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Unfinished Business

249 North Center Street Updates – Jeff and Cindy Parsons were given permission from the Village of Sebewaing to go ahead to look for grants or come up with ideas for fundraising for the development of the Dog Park on the southwest corner of 249 N Center Street (LMS). They already applied for a grant and 4 places were selected to receive \$25,000.00 to use for the development towards a dog park. Village of Sebewaing was number 5 on the list. The first thing to accomplish will be to fence in the area designated for the Dog Park.

The northwest corner (proposed Assisted living) has been deeded back to the Village of Sebewaing as it will not be developed for this project.

Process has begun for getting new ideas for the development of this parcel. The front property at 249 N Center Street is still being tested and signs are posted on the property to contact Carl Osentoski if someone would like to purchase or develop a portion of the property.

244 N Center Street Updates - Property has been condemned by Huron County. The building would have to be demolished and is contaminated so special procedures will have to be done in the demolish and cleanup of the building and property. Owners of the property would like to turn it over to the Village of Sebewaing, but the village is doing their research before accepting the property. The village is working with Carl Osentoski and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) on the measures for cleanup for this property.

Redevelopment Ready Communities – Second Informational Community Meeting, per requirement by the Tax Increment Financing Act 57 of 2018, will be held at 7:00PM following the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting tonight. These meetings are for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and direction of the authority.

Foreclosed Properties – Village of Sebewaing has 0 properties on the Huron County Treasurer foreclosure list due to delinquent taxes over 3 years.

Railroad Bridge Update – Railroad Company will not give any assistance in financing the raising of the railroad bridge for the access of boats to get to the downtown area.

Sebewaing Township

Melanie McCoy attended a Sebewaing Township meeting to discuss with the township about opting in to be a part of the DDA. She was not given a hard "No".

New Business

Village of Sebewaing has captured \$7,931.44 from the 2022 village property taxes collected this year. This brings our total to \$9,577.84. A list of items the DDA wanted to see accomplished for the Village of Sebewaing after they started to capture dollars was given to each board member to review.

Other Business

The new owners of 236 N Center (The Roost on the Bay) were in attendance. They were excited to become members of our community and expressed their ideas for their building and what they would like to bring to the Village of Sebewaing.

The next meeting for the DDA is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 222 N Center Street.

Adjournment

Motion by Canfield seconded by Parsons to adjourn the DDA meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Informational Community Meeting

The Informational Community Meeting began immediately following the adjournment of the DDA Meeting. The DDA Board introduced themselves to the 31 residents in attendance. Jeff Parsons did a power point presentation for the Community Meeting. He presented the ideas from previous informational meetings with the top 10 items residents would like to see developed in the Village of Sebewaing. Coffee Shop, Farmers Market, Riverfire (Moonlight Madness), Makerspaces, Art Gallery are a few on the list which the residents have seen come to life in Sebewaing. Seven new businesses within the last year have opened or reopened with new owners. Community Comments with ideas, comments and questions for the DDA Board to provide updates the board is presently working on at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Engelhardt

(notes item for Village Council)*