

SEBEWAING DDA COMMITTEE MEETING – July 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Office by Julie Epperson at 2:00p.m.

Present: Doug Deming, Cristina Eberlein, Julie Epperson, Melanie McCoy, Jeff Parsons

Absent: Matt Bumhoffer, Matthew Chisholm, Neal Gettel, Emma Shantz

Others: Charlene Hudson, Rodney & Noreen Tietz, Linda Engelhardt

Motion by Parson seconded by Deming to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

An amendment to the April 9, 2024 DDA minutes to read under the Sebewaing Township section there will be no *additional* cost to the Township.

Motion by Parson seconded by McCoy to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 quarterly DDA meeting as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment - None

Unfinished Business

249 N Center Street Update – The testing has been capped off on this property. The property is available to purchase for development of a commercial opportunity. Samantha Schnettler from the Huron County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is the contact person with the phone number of her office displayed on the signs posted on the property. No new updates.

Redevelopment Ready Communities – The Community Informational Meeting, per requirement by the Tax Increment Financing Act 57 of 2018, is for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and directions of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The next Informational Community Meeting has been scheduled for October 8, 2024 at the Sebewaing Township – 14 E Sharpsteen Street at 6:00 PM. The board will report on the improvements with the implementation of the Façade Grant Application and update the community on the developments in the Village of Sebewaing.

Foreclosed Properties – The Huron County Tax Sale for foreclosed property is scheduled for August 22, 2024 and will be an online auction only. The village has one property in the DDA District – 244 North Center Street for the sale.

Sebewaing Township

Annually, someone from the DDA Board approaches the Sebewaing Township to request the Township to opt-in for the Sebewaing Township tax capture for the DDA from the Sebewaing Township taxes. It would keep Sebewaing Township tax dollars available in the village for improvements to our properties in the DDA District. This would be a plus for our Village Residents.

Unfinished Business

Captured Dollars – The DDA discussed ideas for the captured dollars. One idea was a street scape for the Village of Sebewaing. The DDA has \$32,508.00 with \$20,157.00 already designated for the Façade Grant Application Program.

Façade Grant Application – Discussion on the name change, partial payment, and due date for the Façade Grant Application. The name change for the application was tabled for research to be completed.

Motion by Deming seconded by Parson to approve the payment of a Façade Grant partial payment not to exceed ½ of the approved amount after the work has begun with the remainder paid when the project has been completed.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by McCoy seconded by Deming to have all Façade Grant Applications received one week prior to the Quarterly DDA Meetings in January or April, effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

Façade Grant Request for Payment

The 213 N Center Street Façade Grant has been presented for payment. Chairman and Treasurer of the DDA will sign all disbursements for payment by the village office.

One board member needed to leave the meeting.

New Business

By-Laws Reviewed and Updates

Discussion on the by-laws. Updates will take place at a future meeting. Vice Chairman will be voted on at the next meeting when more will be in attendance.

Discussion on annual membership to the Michigan Downtown Association was discussed and all in attendance were in approval but a vote could not be taken due to a quorum was not present.

Public Comment - None

The next quarterly meeting for the DDA and Community Informational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sebewaing Township Hall – 14 E Sharpsteen Street.

Motion by McCoy seconded by Deming to adjourn the DDA quarterly meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Engelhardt

(notes item for Village Council)*