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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Box 457, Laingsburg, MI 48848
Proposed Minutes
April 24, 2017

The regular meeting of the Laingsburg Downtown Development Authority was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Laingsburg City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Brink, Lancour, Culpepper, Thomas & Geasler

Absent: Hunt, Darr & Shinsky

Also Present: Rob Frank, DPW & Paula Willoughby, Clerk/Treasurer

Public Comment: None

Brenda Clark resigned April 4th, 2017

Moved by Geasler, supported by Thomas to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Geasler supported by Thomas to approve the treasurer's report for March 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

There were two competitive bids received and reviewed for the downtown sidewalk project.

Moved by Lancour, supported by Thomas to approve the Extreme Mason bid of \$47,363 pending clarification regarding the replacement of steps and ramps. Roll call vote: yeas: Brink, Thomas, Nays: Culpepper, Abstain: Lancour, Geasler, Absent: Hunt, Darr, Shinsky. Motion carried.

Christopher Germain was present representing the MEDC – Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program. The City is in the process of trying to become a certified RRC. The DDA was asked to formally review their Downtown Improvement Plan.

Face Forward applications were reviewed. There were four applications received:

Moved by Thomas, supported by Geasler to consider approval of the application to improve 252, 256 & 260 E. Grand River for an amount of 70% of the project or a maximum of \$5,000. Vote: yeas: Brink, Geasler, Culpepper, Thomas, Nays: None, Abstain: Lancour. Absent: Hunt, Darr, Shinsky. Motion carried. Project funded.

Moved by Lancour, supported by Thomas to consider approval of the application to improve 205 E. Grand River for an amount of 70% of the project or a maximum of \$5,000. Vote: yeas: None. Nays: Brink, Geasler, Lancour, Culpepper, Thomas, Abstain: None. Absent: Hunt, Darr, Shinsky. Motion failed. Project not funded.

Moved by Lancour, supported by Thomas to consider approval of the application to improve 115 E. Grand River for an amount of 70% of the project or a maximum of \$5,000. Vote: yeas: None. Nays: Brink, Geasler, Lancour, Culpepper, Thomas, Abstain: None. Absent: Hunt, Darr, Shinsky. Motion failed. Project not funded.

Moved by Lancour, supported by Thomas to consider approval of the application to improve 111 Railroad for an amount of 70% of the project or a maximum of \$5,000. Vote: yeas: Brink, Geasler, Culpepper, Thomas, Nays: None, Abstain: None, Absent: Hunt, Darr, Shinsky. Motion carried. Project funded.

Adjourned at 8:35 pm

Paula Willoughby
Clerk/Treasurer