

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 9, 2013**

The regular Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Dave Lucchesi, Bill Baxandall, Lisa McKenzie, Deb Mann, Dan Lorenzetti, Bill Laitila, Bob Wenc and Glenn Anderson

Absent : Tony Wilmers

Guests: Ray Sharp and Bill Marlor

It was moved by Baxandall and seconded by Mann to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Baxandall to approve the October 28, 2013 minutes with one correction, change guest name from Lavitainen to Levanen.

New City DPW Director Bill Marlor was present to introduce himself to the commission.

Chairperson Lorenzetti congratulated new Mayor Lisa McKenzie, who replaced Bill Laitila as Mayor in November.

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Reviewed the November 14, 2013 US41/M-26 Corridor Advisory Committee.
- Heard that the Navy St. park boardwalk project was completed by the end of November by DP Construction.
- Reviewed a DEQ permit to construct a 6' x 50' dock, with steel pilings, by Thomas Yeoman, 2120 Jasberg St. (M-203).
- Received an update on the MSHDA rental rehab projects and noted the Kaleva and Blast from the Past building were under construction.
- Heard that the City Council had approved a MEDC grant application for \$250,000 to rehab the 119 Quincy St. Building.
- Noted that the last of 16 Sesquicentennial history events will be held on Dec. 17th titled, "Journey to the Surface, Italian Families from Quincy Hill and Hancock", by Deb Mann.
- Noted the State's change to make it easier for a disabled veteran to get complete property tax relief, although the State is not reimbursing municipalities for this. The City had one applicant for 2013.
- Reviewed a property tax cap change effective January 1, 2014 which now allows children to be added to property deeds without uncapping the property.

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- Reviewed the proposed City of Houghton ordinance on conditional rezoning.
- Noted that the DHS office currently located at 200 Quincy St. is expected to move to the C.C. Mall in mid February.

Ray Sharp from the Western UP Health Dept. presented a draft complete streets ordinance, which the commission reviewed and discussed. A few changes were suggested which Ray agreed to incorporate into a new draft which will be considered at the next meeting.

The Commission reviewed an appraisal report from CAIN Brothers to the Attorney General on the valuation of the 80% sale of Portage Health to Life Point Hospitals, Inc. The report concluded that the purchase price is fair from a financial point of view, which is valued at \$45,259,000.

The commission reviewed the “Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative: Labor Market Information,” prepared by the Dept. of Technology, Mgt. & Budget.

Deb Mann presented information on Jake Brakes.

Dan Lorenzetti discussed making sure the City’s project priorities were presented to the Portage Health Foundation when the call for projects is announced.

It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by Baxandall to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Recording Secretary