

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Wickley on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Pete Mackin, Jon Luse, Jr., Jordan Johnson, Pete Wickley, Steve Zutter, Kathy Johnson, John Diebel and Randy Neiswonger

Absent: Lisa McKenzie

Guests/Staff: John Haeussler, Barry Givens, Glenn Anderson and Curt Ricard

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by Luse, Jr., to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the October 1, 2018 minutes with one correction, change the date of Kathy Johnson's resignation to November 30, 2018 from November 20th.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: John Haeussler discussed Prop. 1 on recreation marihuana.

Updates/Information

- Looked at the revised color brochure updated by volunteer Devin Leonarduzzi, 5000 copies were printed
- Heard the MEDC grant application is on hold until 2019 on the proposed redevelopment project for the old high school, 417 Quincy St.
- Racer's Burgers closed and a new business, Soup Lab opened up at 787 Market St.
- Reviewed the 9-13-18 and 10-17-18 HB & PA minutes
- The DDA Board thanked Kathy Johnson for her 22 years of dedicated service on the DDA Board
- Reviewed the record 2018 City Campground season
- Heard that Hebert Construction should complete the new Swedetown Creek Bridge on M-203 washed away by the June 17th flood by November 15th
- Heard MDOT hired Bacco Construction for \$374,000 to replace the storm sewer damaged in the June 17th flood on US41/Hancock St. at the Tezcuco St. intersection work should be done by November 10th.
- Heard Governor Snyder on October 5, 2018 authorized the State of Michigan to pay 100% of the local match for FEMA flood repair projects valued at \$7.4 million for local governments

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- Heard that UPPCO has asked the MPSC for a 9.71% rate increase starting in July 2019
- The City still needs to fund the 20% local match for the FHWA federal aid streets that were flood damaged
- Reviewed the 3 statewide ballot proposals on the November 6th ballot and noted the new county jail millage vote
- Commended that the refurbished holiday snowflakes and stars look great on the Quincy St. light poles
- Heard Arroyo Networks has rented the east ½ of the Gartner's Center, 100 Quincy St.

The DDA Board received an update on four flood damage repair projects, including Elevation Street, Montezuma, White/Ingot, and Campus Dr. The City hopes to bid out the Montezuma project in November.

The DDA Board reviewed a letter from Main Street Hancock, Inc. received on September 9, 2018 asking the DDA to reimburse them for two loans they made that have been delinquent for several years, one to Miller's Jewelry for \$18,500 and one to the Hancock Pewabic House & Musuem Society for \$6,500. Both businesses that Main Street Hancock, Inc., a Michigan non-profit loaned to, have gone out of business.

On advice of legal counsel, the DDA cannot make payments to a non-profit corporation for its own loan default, and the action would also be in violation of the DDA Act, Act 8 197 of 1975.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by J. Johnson to deny Main Street Hancock, Inc.'s request for bailing out the two loans.

AYES: Mackin, J. Johnson, Wickley, Zutter, K. Johnson, Diebel and Neiswonder

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Luse, Jr.

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Diebel to offer for free to the Main Street Hancock, Inc. the used jewelry cases from Miller Jewelry with the condition they be removed from the transit garage by November 30, 2018.

AYES: J. Johnson, Mackin, Zutter, Wickley, K. Johnson, Diebel and Neiswonger

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Luse, Jr.

Motion Carried

Pete Mackin gave an update on recycling and the Western U.P. Water Shed Council.

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It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Macken to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem