

**CITY OF HANCOCK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 6:00pm
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 399 QUINCY ST.**

Public Hearing at 6:00 PM

Resolution 21-24 to establish Industrial Development District No. 1 for the Hancock Business and Technology Park.

Derek Wuebben is interested in hearing what is being proposed for the area, including what infrastructure will be provided for businesses interested in building in the district.

Regular Meeting at 6:05 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Paul LaBine

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler

Also Present: Thomas Fornier, Michael Markham, Sadiq Edo-Abdi, John Zurcher, Nick Wilson, Jeff Radcliff, Josh Vissers, Deb Mann, and other members of the community.

Review and approval of agenda – Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Communications

Assessor Report – Sales Study

Houghton County Sales Study

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Haeussler to accept and put on file the communications as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment- None

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Regular PLWSA November 9, 2021

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Lytle to receive and put on file the meeting minutes of November 9, 2021 PLSWA Meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and approval of meeting minutes

Regular City Council December 1, 2021

Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 1, 2021.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Administrative Report

Holiday Party for the City employees will be at 1:00pm Friday, December 17, 2021 at the fire hall, council members are encouraged to attend as well.

Holiday Home Decorating Winners are 1st place Bob Wenc at 938 N. Elevation, 2nd place 1420 Copper Dr, 3rd place 724 Elm St. There were 9 homes entered in the contest.

MEDC Revitalization & Placemaking grant program.

Small Urban Funds from the Act 51 Revenue Sharing loss is being used for street improvements, this is approximately a \$27,000 gain for the City.

Campground ADA Bathroom Upgrades have been completed and signed off on. The project was funded by a DNR Passport Grant and a grant from Portage Health Foundation helped with the City's portion of the costs.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$263,206.74.

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, Lytle, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to adopt Resolution 21-24 to establish Industrial Development District No. 1 for the Hancock Business and Technology Park.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Rickard to appoint Faith Morrison to the Hancock Transit Local Advisory Council.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Lytle and supported by Councilor Haeussler approval for non-represented staff wage increase of 2.75% effective January 1, 2022.

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Lytle, Blau

Abstain: Freeman

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Haeussler to approve the payment of application #1 for Portage Lake Construction in the amount of \$165, 367.69 for work completed on FEMA PW 157.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, Lytle, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Haeussler and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve acceptance of the EGLE grant in the amount of \$90,000.00 for Hancock Waterfront Shoreline project.

Roll Call

Yes: Haeussler, Warstler, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, Lytle, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

John Zurcher of Summit St. thanked the Transit for the Veterans ride free program, asked if the City was considering a campground extension across M203 to the government lot and suggested an auction for disposal of old DPW equipment.

Council Member Comments

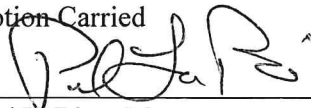
Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Freeman and supported by Councilor Warstler to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

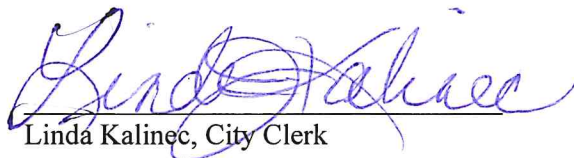
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk

CITY OF HANCOCK

#21-24 RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR HANCOCK BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK

The following preamble and resolution were offered by: Councilor Rickard and supported by: Councilor Freeman.

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended, this City has the authority to establish "Industrial Development Districts" within the City of Hancock (City); and

WHEREAS, the City on its own initiative seeks to establish an Industrial Development District on property located within the City; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Daily Mining Gazette and public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2021 a public hearing was held at which all owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of the City were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hancock Council deems it to be in the public interest of the City to establish the Industrial Development District as proposed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hancock that the following described parcel of land situated in the City of Hancock, County of Houghton, and State of Michigan, to wit:

The South Half of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 55, Range 34 West and All of that part of the West Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 55 North, Range 34 West, lying South and West of County Road H-15 and West of the Assessors Plat of Franklin Mine, Franklin Township, Houghton County, Michigan,

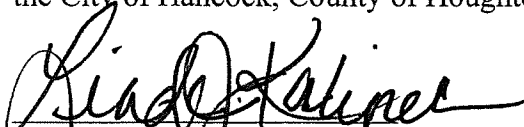
is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of PA 198 of 1974, as amended, to be known as Hancock Business & Technology Industrial Development District.

AYES: Blau, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Warstler, Haeussler

NAYS: Lytle

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Hancock, County of Houghton, Michigan, as a special meeting held on December 15, 2021.


Linda Kalinec, Clerk/Treasurer