

**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ZOOM MEETING @ 5:30 p.m.
February 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Yankee called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

ROLL CALL: by Vicki Scott

PRESENT: Adams, Bender, Bales, Stencil, Yankee, Blaesing, Westbrook, (Kaatz - 6:26 pm)

ABSENT: VanDyke

OTHERS PRESENT: Tatman, McCoy, Scott

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Blaesing, seconded by Adams to approve the agenda as amended adding under New Business #2 – A – Historical Markers.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Blaesing, seconded by Westbrook to approve the 1-13-21 minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

****Meeting interrupted at 5:40 pm. Meeting resumed at 5:43 pm. ****

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

McCoy explains the financial reports.

MOTION by Blaesing, seconded by Adams to approve the financials as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Blaesing, Adams, Westbrook, Yankee, Stencil, Bales, Bender

Nays – None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Update on Carmine** – Tatman asks the Board's opinion what direction to take on this. Tatman explains Carmine has been working on this for months and is experiencing difficulty getting information from the township. It leads the question if the Township would even opt in on expanding the DDA boundaries. If Carmine cannot get this information, the group needs to decide if they want to go forward with keeping the boundaries as is. Yankee explains on the record if Carmine cannot get this information from the Township it is sad that the DDA will not be able to grow its tax revenue. Discussion follows. Yankee suggests the sub committee (Yankee, VanDyke, Tatman) meeting with Carmine. Tatman will organize that meeting.

2. **Bids for Spring Flowers** – Yankee explains we have not received any bids back. North Branch cannot fulfill the planter pots and will not be able to come to us. Croswell Greenhouse said they would submit a bid. Bender will follow up with them. Mconchie can't do it this year as they do not have enough product. Lexington Gardens said they would submit a bid. Bender notes Croswell Greenhouse could pick up pots. Yankee and Bender will reach out again to local greenhouses. Board members agree to extend the bid date to February 22, 2021. Bids to be submitted to Village Office.
3. **Winter Lights Festival Discussion** – Board members support this idea and discuss lighting up the downtown area as oppose to neighborhood streets. Board discusses the idea of the LBA & DDA working together toward a new winter event. Bender suggests looking into purchasing new winter decorations for light poles as the ones we currently have are very old and deteriorating. Discussion follows. Board members agree to add this item on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Speaker System** – Tatman explains per the KLA representative 9 of the 11 speakers are not working. Each time there is a power outage or glitch it bumps the power system to the speakers. KLA is trying to come up with a bridge for the power gap. KLA indicated this could be costly.

****Kaatz joined meeting at 6:26 pm. ****

2. **Promotional Ideas for Downtown Businesses** – Kaatz explains small business grants are available to help. Kaatz discusses the possibility of the DDA helping these businesses secure these grants. Tatman will reach out to Chuck and Chris at MEDC as well as Carl Osentowski for grant information. Lengthy discussion follows.
- 2-A. **Historical Markers** – Yankee explains a few businesses have expressed interest in historical markers. The application for these markers is through the State. This is something for us to keep on our radar.
3. **Budget Discussion** – Yankee suggests looking through budgeted line items we are not using to try to help businesses. Discussion follows. Tatman reminds the board about possible website expenses. Board members agree to discuss budget amendments next month.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Kaatz, seconded by Bales to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Vicki Scott
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