

**Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 2, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Jim Delemeester.

Members present: Sue Bare, Julie Birchmeier, Jim Delemeester, John Gerber, Pam Ginderske, Joe Kline, Kathy Westervelt, Lorie Willie, and Karen Wood

Others Present: Hartmann Aue, Richard Hoerner

Motion by Westervelt, second by Ginderske to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Motion by Westervelt, second by Bare to approve the September D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

Village Council Minutes were accepted and filed.

Marihuana was on the agenda as a discussion only item. Aue mentioned that the Planning Commission was interested in the D.D.A. views on marihuana, both as possible medical and/or recreational retail shops in the Village of St. Charles. Aue sent members information regarding Chesaning and Montrose, as well as background information on state statutes. The question was posed by Dr. Kline, on the topic between marihuana and chickens, "what one creates a better quality of life?" Gerber inquired, "would we want to be known as the weed village?" Bare spoke passionately against recreational marihuana. The D.D.A. board did not see it as a windfall of money via the annual license renewal. Aue is to research further on public opinion and possible positives from having a retail shop.

A façade grant application was received on behalf of the Bad River Bar and Grill. The Bad River Bar and Grill requested \$1,585.00 in funds as a 50% match for the work to be completed. The grant will replace four commercial steel exterior doors on the east side of the building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m. Motion by Westervelt, second by Wood. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Hartmann Aue
Village Manager