

**Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 3, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:32 am by Jim Delemeester.

Members present: Sue Bare, Jim Delemeester, Victoria Devereaux, Joe Kline, Lorie Willie, and Karen Wood

Others Present: ~~Hartmann Aue, Robert Hoffa, and Richard Hoerner~~

Motion by Kline, second by Bare to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Motion by Wood, second by Kline to approve the November D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission and Village Council minutes were accepted and filed.

The 5th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas Parade will be December 11, 2021. The tree lighting will be at 5 pm at Coal Miners' Park. Lois Theile will be lighting the tree. The Park will have face painting for children, as well as candy canes, sticks, crayons, and an ornament. The walk way will be lit with luminary bags to the pavilion where we will have donuts and hot cocoa. The parade will be winding through downtown finishing at the boulevard. Santa will be available for pictures after the parade. The Village has raised funds and received donations from throughout the community. The funds and donations to this point have purchased 17 bikes, 2 scooters, 5 bowling passes, and 2 young children toy rides. Andy Schlicker has also agreed to donate plaques to all the parade participants. Aue wished to thank everyone who has donated, including members of the D.D.A. that were extremely generous.

The second of two informational meetings required biannually according to MCL 125.4910(4) was held. Notice was published on the stcmi.com website not less than 14 days before the meeting date. Notice was also mailed to the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction levying taxes that are subject to capture. The Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade, STC Hometown Days, Championship Wall of Honor, Façade grant updates, Goodrich Building doors, Beautification Day, and street light banners were the highlights of 2021-2022. This was not a complete list and the D.D.A. will continue to create an environment for businesses to flourish.

Aue added the kiosk downtown was coming undone and falling apart. He asked the D.D.A. to approve \$500 for new plywood, paint, and signage. Dr. Kline wished to add an additional garbage can in the area. The approval for fixing up the kiosk and adding a garbage can was motioned by Kline, second by Bare. Motion carried.

Aue mentioned that there is a new D.D.A. Facebook page that he will be using to highlight Village businesses and attract attention to what we have to offer. The new email address to share D.D.A. and business news is downtowninfo@stcmi.com.

During public comment, Devereaux requested a new business directory for the Village. So D.D.A. members can share with others what is in the Village. She also would like to see an ice-skating rink for children to use. Robert Hoffa concurred with Devereaux. Devereaux thought businesses could donate to keep the rink maintained with a sign of business logos showing their support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 am. Motion by Kline, second by Wood. Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Hartmann Aue