

**Cass City Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
January 10, 2023**

The Meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman Kranz.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Brown, James Kranz, Jon Ligrow, Amy Peters, Geraldine Prieskorn, David Weiler, Village President Dan Delamarter and Tuscola EDC Director Steve Erickson

EXCUSED: Cass City Chamber Administrator Kayla Klco

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Debbie Powell, Clerk/Treasurer Nanette Walsh

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2022, meeting by Prieskorn and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.

No comments during Citizen Comments.

Motion to approve the December 31, 2022, Financial Report was made by Weiler and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.

Tuscola County DDA Report: Report to be presented during EDC Meeting.

Chamber of Commerce: Kayla Klco will be attending future meetings post maternity leave. The Annual Chamber Dinner is Friday, April 14, 2023.

Review RRC Certification Celebration: Manager Powell noted that approximately 60 people, including Senator Kevin Daley (formerly representing Cass City) and Senator Dan Lauwers (newly representing Cass City) attended the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)/Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Celebration held on December 8, 2022. MEDC Representatives presented RRC Signage and gave an overview of Business Development Tools/Opportunities now available to Cass City. The board requested that follow-up information be provided to the local businesses on Toolbox Assistance opportunities.

DDA Board Vacancies: Manager Powell distributed application forms for DDA board members to distribute to local business owners who may consider appointment to the DDA board. This face-to-face contact was encouraged to facilitate a potential positive response.

Demo Quote for Leach Street (Thorp House): TNT Excavating, Cass City, has submitted a quote for the demolition and debris removal of the Leach Street house (also known as the Thorp House). Manager Powell has an appointment on Friday, January 13, 2023 with an individual interested in touring this house to determine the feasibility of moving it to a parcel located in Elmwood Township. Powell will forward the results of this appointment at the next DDA meeting.

Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Director Steve Erickson highlighted grant opportunities through the Tuscola County Land Bank for demolition of Municipal Owned blighted properties. Though the Spring 2023 Allocation is earmarked for projects in the City of Caro, the Fall 2023 Allocation has application opportunities for such properties, that have had a Brownfield (Environmental) analysis completed.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Nanette Walsh

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