

Cass City Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
July 8, 2025

The Meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm by Village President Robert Piaskowski.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Brown, Misty DeLong, Gavin Frederick, Andrew Klco, and Village President Robert Piaskowski

ABSENT: Christine Anthony, Tyler Erla, Jon Ligrow, David Weiler

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Debbie Powell, Director of Community Development Melanie Radabaugh, Administrative Assistant Linda Miller

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025, meeting was made by Brown and supported by DeLong. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the June 30, 2025, Financial Report was made by DeLong and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.

No comments during Citizen Comments.

Chamber of Commerce Report: Radabaugh mentioned the Freedom Festival recap meeting is scheduled for this Thursday. They are looking for more volunteers to help plan next year's event. They have one more interview for the open Chamber Administrator position.

MDA's "Downtown Day" – Saturday, September 27, 2025: Radabaugh is looking for ideas and volunteers for this "Downtown Day". After some discussion, it was decided that Radabaugh will send out an email to the Chamber and DDA members asking for ideas.

Motion to approve the purchase agreement with 1863 Elkhart LLC for the 6429 Main Street Property for the purchase price of \$186.10 was made by Brown and supported by DeLong.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Brown, DeLong, Frederick, Klco, Piaskowski
 ABSENT: Anthony, Erla, Ligrow, Weiler

Motion Carried.

Vacant Downtown Buildings: With a 30% vacancy in the downtown buildings, it appears that Cass City doesn't want any new development. People would like to have their businesses in Cass City, but they can't because current property owners are not motivated to rent or do anything with their buildings other than use them for storage. This stifles the growth of any businesses because there is no place to lease or buy in Cass City. This is a critical issue that needs to be discussed with multiple groups so something can be done to change this scenario.

Motion to adjourn at 2:09 pm was made by Klco and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda W. Miller
Administrative Assistant