

**Cass City Downtown Development Authority  
Minutes  
January 13, 2026**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Anthony, Eric Brown, Gavin Frederick, Andrew Klco – left meeting at 1:55 pm, Jon Ligrow, Village President Robert Piaskowski

ABSENT: Misty DeLong, Tyler Erla, 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 December 9, 2025, meeting was made by Ligrow and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.**

Manager Powell explained there was more on the balance sheet due to grant money that was included in the total.

**Motion to approve the December 31, 2025, Financial Report was made by Brown and supported by Frederick. Motion Carried.**

No comments during Citizen Comments.

Chamber of Commerce Report: Radabaugh mentioned the Chamber is searching for a new Chamber Administrator. The Annual Dinner is planned for Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. There is an after-Hours event this Thursday, January 15, from 5 to 7 pm at Willow by Roselle & Co.

DDA Prior Accomplishments Report: – Manager Powell mentioned one more item that was not on the list of accomplishments was the “Match on Main” Grant for Kellon Mooney’s business that was sponsored by the DDA in 2025.

Vacant Building/Sign Revised Ordinances: – Manager Powell reviewed the ordinances that will be presented at the Village Council Meeting on February 23, 2026. With the adoption of these ordinances, we should see improvements in the appearance of several downtown vacant buildings.

2026 Mural Tile Painting Project: Radabaugh explained the process on how the Mural Tile Painting Project is tentatively planned for having the tiles painted by community members on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Hall. This Mural Tile Project is being made possible by a grant from the Frankenmuth Credit Union. It was suggested a Thank You Letter should be sent now and when the project is completed a photo should be sent.

2026 Goals(s): After a brief discussion, it was decided to bring back the 2026 Goal Planning topic at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

MDA Presentation at February Meeting: Dana Walker, from the MDA, is scheduled to attend the next meeting and give a presentation. It was decided to allow her 30 minutes to give a presentation on “Rural Community Strategies”. This should be helpful in giving the DDA some ideas for goals for 2026.

**Motion to adjourn at 2:23 pm was made by Anthony and supported by Ligrow. Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting: February 10, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda W. Miller*

Administrative Assistant