

**Cass City Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**July 11, 2023**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Brown, Tyler Erla, James Kranz, Joey Kreeger, Jon Ligrow, Geraldine Prieskorn, David Weiler, Tuscola EDC Director Steve Erickson and Village President Robert Piaskowski

EXCUSED: Amy Peters

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENT: Director of Community Development, Parks & Recreation Melanie Radabaugh, Administrative Assistant Linda Miller

**Motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023, meeting by Brown and supported by Weiler. Motion Carried.**

No comments during Citizen Comments.

**Motion to approve the June 30, 2023, Financial Report was made by Weiler and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.**

Tuscola County DDA Report – Tuscola EDC Director said the \$600,000 Brownfield Grant for the Nestle Building was released this morning. The Nestle Building will be cleaned up and the sale will be finalized. There was a meeting with DTE regarding the dirty power issue. DTE presented plans to firm up the power here in Cass City. This will take about a year. A couple of new sub stations are planned for Tuscola County. DTE agreed to have a seat on the Tuscola County EDC Board. The Tuscola County Land Bank Grant for the demolition of the Main Street Property is being released and there is also money for the demolition of the Leach Street Property. The Grant for the updating of the Cultural Center Building is now coming from the State of Michigan. This means the State of Michigan will have a lien on the building for 20 years. If the DDA sells the building, they would have to pay the \$500,000 back to the State. However, the DDA may lease the building to a non-profit for an agreed upon amount of money per year.

Chamber of Commerce: Jon Ligrow, Chamber Member, mentioned they reviewed their bylaws at their last meeting. They needed more sponsorships for the fireworks and Hills & Dales Healthcare stepped up to help with the funding of the fireworks. The Chamber sent a letter to Village Manager Powell stating their support for more Day Care in the Village.

Leach Street Property: It was mentioned someone is interested in purchasing the 4453 Leach Street Property. There was discussion regarding whether to sell the property at a fair market value or have it demolished to allow for more parking. Another option may be to sell the house and change the property line to allow more land for the parking lot. Also, some discussion on possibly changing the street to a one-way and implementing angle parking to accommodate more vehicles.

**Motion to approve the reappointment of Amy Peters to the DDA Board for a term ending 5/1/2027 be forwarded to the Village Council for their approval was made by Prieskorn and supported by Ligrow. Motion carried.**

Business Builders Project: Melanie Radabaugh, new Director of Community Development, Parks Recreation, mentioned they are looking for members to join the committee for the rollout of the pilot program for the Business Builders event this fall.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda W. Miller*  
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