

**Cass City Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
November 14, 2023**

The Meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm by Vice Chair Prieskorn.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Brown, Tyler Erla, Jon Ligrow, Amy Peters, Geraldine Prieskorn, David Weiler and Village President Robert Piaskowski

ABSENT: Cass City Chamber Administrator Ashley Phillips, Village Manager Debbie Powell, TEDC Director Steve Erickson

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, meeting by Erla and supported by Ligrow. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept with regret and file the letter of resignation of Jim Kranz was made by Erla and supported by Peters. Also, thank him for his many years of service on the DDA Board. Motion Carried.

Motion to elect David Weiler as the new Chair of the DDA by Prieskorn and supported by Peters. Motion Carried. David Weiler then chaired the rest of the meeting.

Motion to approve the October 31, 2023, Financial Report was made by Brown and supported by Peters. Motion Carried.

Tuscola County DDA Report – no report.

Citizens Comments: Nancy Barrios mentioned the non-profit group interested in restoring the Cultural Center Building is still waiting for the paperwork from the IRS (each individual on the committee must be approved by the IRS). No fundraising can be done until their tax exemption paperwork is approved by the IRS. Then they will need an agreement with the Village.

Business Builders Project: There were seven applicants; one needed to bow out at the last minute. The winner was Kellen Mooney. He will be opening an antique mall, “Market on Main”. Many favorable comments were received regarding the enjoyable event held on November 9th.

Leach Street Property: The Village Council will not fund the tear down of the house on the Leach Street property. They will be looking for a grant to fund the demolition next year.

Motion to approve the appointment of Christine Anthony for one of the vacancies on the DDA board with a term expiring May 1, 2027, be forwarded to the Village Council for their approval, was made by Peters and supported by Brown. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Snow Plowing and Brining Contract from de Beaubien Enterprises, LLC was made by Brown and supported by Prieskorn. Motion Carried.

Due to the hectic schedule in December, it was recommended the December meeting is cancelled unless a topic appears for discussion.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda W. Miller
Administrative Assistant