



**BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Brownstown Township Downtown Development Authority was held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan 48183. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rybski and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Rybski, Bielecki, DiMilia, Khan, Skotanis, Varady, and Vidusic. Also in attendance were Economic Development Manager DiSanto, DDA Attorney Young, and DDA Project Coordinator Campbell.

**ABSENT AND EXCUSED:** Linko and Willis

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

Motion of DiMilia, supported by Bielecki, to approve the Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of December 16, 2010 as submitted. All present voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion of Vidusic, supported by Varady, to approve the Downtown Development Authority agenda of January 20, 2011 with the addendums of Item #6c – Subcommittee Appointments and Item #6d – Advertising Requirements for Banner Ads. All present voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PROJECT UPDATE:** Peters Road and Beech Daly Road are finally completed. DiSanto hopes to have a solution regarding the litigation for Peters Road by the next DDA meeting. He will be meeting with Wayne County regarding the extras on Beech Daly and also meeting with Commissioner Boike to discuss future road paving projects within the Township. Members were requested to provide their comments or questions on the Town Center Market Study so discussion can be held at the next Work Session. There has been some prospective interest in developing a senior living center in the Town Center area but are looking to work together with another form of anchor business. Some preliminary discussions with a major medical company in the state and what opportunities they may have within the Town Center have started. The Border Patrol property is vacant and the real estate closing will be held at end of month with discussion to be held on what the next steps will be with that facility. The solar energy audit spreadsheets are ready and recommendations will be prepared for DDA consideration in February. The MDEQ and State permits for the Bike Path have been obtained but we are still waiting for the County permit. The project is expected to begin in March and is currently out to bid. The Township Campus Phase I engineering along with the DEQ drain relocation and overall permit for the campus has been submitted to MDEQ for consideration. General Motors will be increasing their capacity at the battery plant in the spring and have applied for a tax abatement. The State tax commission has approved a tax abatement for a subsidiary of Detroit Diesel which is expected to bring 115 jobs to the Brownstown Business Center. Much positive feedback has been received about the DDA newsletters and the new DDA Facebook page.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**DEMOLITION PROPOSAL – 24316 & 24326 WEST RD:** Motion of Vidusic, supported by DiMilia, to suspend the bid policy due to the Water/Sewer Department request regarding previous working relationship with the contractor, the water line depth and the proper equipment needed to sever the water line and accept the proposal from Pro Excavation, Inc. 4036 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192 and approve the demolition of one house and garage at 24316 West Rd. for \$5,400, and one house at 24326 West Rd. for \$4,900, for a total amount of \$10,300 with funds to come from Account #248.729.971. All present voting aye.

**DDA ATTORNEY YOUNG – DECEMBER INVOICE:** Motion of Vidusc, supported by Varady, to approve to pay DDA Attorney Young for December 2010 invoice in the amount of \$2,898 with funds to come from Account #248.729.810. All present voting aye.

**SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Chairperson Rybski announced that Skotanis has volunteered to be on the DDA Plan Update subcommittee along with herself and Attorney Young. The Façade Grant subcommittee will consist of Willis and Vidusic. Any other members interested in serving on a subcommittee please contact Rybski or DiSanto.

**ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS FOR BANNER ADS:** Motion of Bielecki, supported by Vidusic, to approve to set the advertising requirements for the Banner Ads to only allow Brownstown businesses. All present voting aye.

Motion of Vidusic, supported by Varady, to adjourn the Downtown Development Authority meeting at 12:43 p.m. All present voting aye.

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