



BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, September 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Brownstown Township Downtown Development Authority was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan 48183. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairperson Vidusic and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bielecki, DiMilia, Ferguson, Goleniak, Linko, Skotanis, and Vidusic.

Also in attendance were: Downtown Development Authority Assistant Directors Trussell and Gustafsson and DDA Attorney Young.

EXCUSED: Khan and Smith

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by DiMilia, supported by Ferguson, to approve the Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of July 17, 2014 as submitted. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by DiMilia, supported by Bielecki to approve the Downtown Development Authority agenda for September 18, 2014 as submitted. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SYLVIA – SIBLEY ROADS WETLAND MITIGATION/PRESERVATION SITE AFFIDAVIT APPROVAL

Assistant Director Gustafsson gave an update on Red Hawk Landing Development and the vacant land at Sylvia and Sibley for Redwood's wetland preservation and mitigation. 13.68 acres of the 40 acre vacant site will be put into a conservation easement as part of Redwood's MDEQ Permit. The affidavit is part of the MDEQ Permit documentation confirming the Township has clear title for the entire 40 acre property. Motion by Bielecki, supported by DiMilia, to accept, approve, and authorize the DDA chairman to sign the affidavit on behalf of the Brownstown Downtown Development Authority. All present voting aye.

REPORTS

JULY AND AUGUST 2014 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Goleniak, to approve the July 2014 Check Disbursement Reports for accounts 248 and 469 for a total amount of \$188,533.98. All present voting aye.

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Goleniak, to approve the August 2014 Check Disbursement Reports for accounts 248 and 469 for a total amount of \$241,785.06. All present voting aye.

EVENT CENTER CAM MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Assistant Director Gustafsson presented copies of the August 2014 CAM (Construction Association of Michigan) Magazine showcasing the Event Barn. The photographer took some beautiful pictures featuring both the inside and outside of the Event Center.

EVENTS UPDATE

Assistant Director Trussell gave an update on the following events:

* Farmers Market - There are two weeks left for the Market. Harvest Day will be on September 23, and September 30 is Closing Day/Vendor Appreciation Day. The new location at the Event Center has been great for the vendors and customers. A survey will be sent to the vendors to ask their opinion on how to improve the Market for next year. The DDA would like to thank the following sponsors for making the market successful: CMAC Transportation, Boller Meadows of Brownstown, Advantage One Federal Credit Union and Olympic Coney Island.

EVENTS UPDATE

*DIA Inside Out Program – The DIA Inside Out Program has been a huge success. The DDA would like to thank Redwood Living, Inc. for sponsoring this program. Over 150 people attended The Garden Party and the Walking Tour. The DDA would also like to thank Lisa Bialczyk of Comerica Bank for coordinating the volunteers for this event. Many of the volunteers were from the Del Webb Art Club. They were stationed at each painting and gave a brief history of the work of art and artists. The Woodhaven Brownstown Rotary along with the DDA is co-sponsoring a Wine and Canvas Fun Raiser. It will be on September 25, 2014 at the Event Center from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. All proceeds to benefit the Woodhaven Brownstown Rotary. A Student Art Show is being planned on October 9, 2014 at the Event Center. All proceeds to benefit the Brownstown Animal Shelter. Details to follow.

*Steak Roast - On September 11, 2014, The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber held their annual Steak Roast at the Event Center. Tents were needed on the front lawn and the back stage to accommodate the 250 people attending this event. It was a great way to showcase the Event Center to many Downriver business owners and representatives.

DDA ATTORNEY YOUNG

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Skotanis, to approve to pay DDA Attorney Young's bill for July and August, 2014 in the total amount of \$9,828. All present voting aye.

CLOSED SESSION – PURPOSE TO DISCUSS THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Skotanis, to adjourn the regular meeting to convene to closed session discussion. All present voting aye. Regular meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Ferguson, to reconvene the regular meeting at 1:05 p.m. All present voting aye.

Motion by Bielecki, supported by DiMilia, to direct parties to move forward on all issues. All present voting aye.

Motion by Skotanis, supported by Goleniak, to adjourn the Downtown Development Authority meeting at 1:07 p.m. All present voting aye.

