

VILLAGE OF MORRICE DDA MINUTES

January 29, 2025 Morrice Village Hall

1. Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:
 - Present: Beth Andrus, Todd Scott, Jeff Harris, Shaun Thronson, Bob Peterson, Troy Binkley, and Lyn Smith.
 - Absent: Dan Munro and Bob Opsommer.
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Beth Andrus added a “Bank Committee” to the New Business.
 - Motion was made by Shaun Thronson to accept the amendment to the agenda and to approve the agenda, and seconded by Bob Peterson. All Ayed.
5. Call to the Public.
6. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2024
 - Motion was made by Bob Peterson to approve the minutes and seconded by Troy Binkley. All Ayed.
7. The Financial Report was reviewed with no questions or changes.
8. Old Business:
 - A. The Vacant Lot Project:
 1. In addition to the 5th Lot, the current owner of Intrinsic Hair Salon made an initial offer to sell her entire lot for an amount to be determined and the DDA will continue to review the addition into the Vacant Lot Project plans.
 2. We are still awaiting a proposal for the costs associated with building on the vacant lots from the architect Bill Arens and will review when it is submitted.
 - B. Holiday Decoration Project:
 1. Dan Munro has set a date to meet with the representative from Consumers Energy regarding the placement of light poles for Village seasonal decorations on February 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. All members and citizens are

invited.

C. Bank Building Update:

1. Lucas Holdings, LLC, the current owner of the old bank building, has accepted our offer of \$92,500 with a \$7,500 down payment.
2. Beth has found a structural engineer from Lansing to do the formal inspection of the building. Mike Godfrey has agreed to remove some of the siding from the back of the building where there was a known fire several years ago for around \$200.
 - Bob Peterson made the motion to pay up to \$500 to remove part of the outer siding to assess the damage from the fire and to look over the building, and Shaun Thronson seconded the motion.
 - Roll call: All Ayed.
3. Lion Bear is continuing to research grant programs to assist with the financing to remodel the building. There are several grants currently available. The board will review these options once the final decision has been made to purchase the property.

9. New Business:

- A. The new budget for 2025 shows a beginning balance of \$184822.98. With anticipated funds, the DDA will have approximately \$299323 to work with in FY 2025 and \$153500 in expenditures, leaving a balance of \$145823 at the end of the year.
 - Once reviewed by the members with no questions or concerns, Jeff Harris made the motion to approve the new budget and it was seconded by Troy Binkley.
 - Roll call: All Ayed.
- B. Beth Andrus appointed 2 board members, Shaun Thronson and Dan Munro to a new Bank Committee to help with the details of this project.

10. The next DDA meeting will be held February 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

11. Adjournment: 6:37 p.m.