

**VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW**  
**DDA Meeting Minutes**  
**December 20, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Emily Griffith, Ransom Leppink, Greg Mckenna, Kevin Griffith, Paul Mesman, Ed Jonaitis and Raymi Sunabe.

**Members Absent:** John Verplank

**Also Present:** Village Manager, Darin K. Dood and Melissa King.

Public comments: None

Emily Griffith moved and Kevin Griffith seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Emily Griffith moved and Leppink seconded to approve the minutes from December 15, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

**Cash Balance/Budget**

Manager Dood gave an overview of the DDA budget for the current fiscal year. Our current cash balance is approximately \$10,500. The TIFA payments will net approximately \$85,000.

The commitments for FY 24/25 include: \$15,000 payout for façade grants, \$30,000 designated for the Village Municipal Complex and roughly \$30,000 Christmas lights, street lights, MEA contribution and operating. This will leave the DDA with approximately \$15,000 to move forward.

A list of CIP items was reviewed.

Shovel ready projects and solar lighting for the billboard sign on M46 were two of the many ideas discussed for DDA projects. Manager Dood was asked if he inquired with downtown merchants to see if there is anything they would like to see. It was mentioned that beautification and parking are two of the items many merchants would like. We will be narrowing the parking spaces on Lincoln Ave and this will allow for extra parking in the downtown area. All parking lots will be striped this Spring also. It was asked if a social district could be in place for Summerfest and Christmas in Lakeview? This will be looked into and more definitive answers will be brought to the next DDA meeting. This would need Council approval.

It was decided to place solar lighting on the M46 Billboard and get a concept drawing for the downtown lot.

**Vacant Seat**

It is the Village Presidents job to name people for boards. Wolf Kubota has recently bought out Robinsons equipment and Mike Gould, from Wolf Kubota, is willing to accept the seat on the DDA to fill the remaining term for Bill Helmer. President Griffith will make the appointment at the next Council Meeting and Mr. Gould will be sworn in at the next DDA meeting.

**Facade Grants**

The VFW would like to place a concrete ramp and railing and is requesting \$5,000.

Bell Tower would like to place lighting on their building facing the parking area, paint the front porch/hand railing, and lift the cement in an area of the porch where it has sagged. They are requesting \$5,000.

Main Street Pizza is requesting \$2417.50 to replace windows.

Emily Griffith moved and Messman seconded to pay out the 3 applicants with Bell Towers being contingent on final paperwork. Motion carried.

Emily Griffith moved and Mckenna seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:13 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa King  
Village Clerk

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