



MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2017 • 5:30 p.m.

DDA Office at the CARNEGIE CENTER
129 S. Kalamazoo St. Paw Paw

Call to order - The monthly meeting of the Paw Paw Downtown Development Board of Directors was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Board Chair Mary Lou Hartwell

In attendance – Susan Metzger, Linda Tyria, Sid Shank, Patrick Lynch, Roman Plazczak, Harold Schuitmaker, Mary Lou Hartwell, Barbara Carpenter, Sarah Moyer-Cale (Village Manager), Mary Holland-Springer (DDA Coordinator)

Absent – Steve Racette, Cindy Mount, Mark Bahnson, Ellyn Jones

A MOTION was made by Harold Schuitmaker and **SUPPORTED** by Patrick Lynch to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 Board meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

GRANT and LOAN APPROVALS

- Brenda Atkinson – Studio 204 – 204 S. Kalamazoo St. – Requesting \$1,500.00 for new windows.

There was discussion of Brenda's failure to meet the obligations of a previous loan with the Village. It was recommended that her request be denied. Request was denied.

- Carl and Kathy Haas – Fair Exchange Building- 141 E. Michigan Ave.-requesting \$1,500.00 for roof repairs.

A MOTION was made by Patrick Lynch and **SUPPORTED** by Sid Shank to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Carl and Kathy Haas. **MOTION CARRIED**

There was discussion of the library rescinding \$20,000.00. Decision was made to amend the grant and loan applications by taking out the \$2,500.00 over two years cap, now to read that anyone who has received funds in the past 2 years will not be eligible for new grant funds this fiscal year.

Ongoing Business

Roman is looking at some people to fill the vacant seat on the board.

Committee and Staff Reports

Village Manager's Report – Discussing of Paw Paw Playhouse Building- Melinda would like to keep the theatre and acquire a liquor license as well as put in a small scale bakery. Curves will be moving out by the end of November and seeking another location in town.

General Capital has been inquiring about other sites in Paw Paw. There was also discussion of the Municipal Finance Presentation at Township Hall. Over 8.1 billion dollars diverted from downtowns State wide. Paw Paw has lost over \$1 million. DDA By Laws were distributed to board members to review before next month's meeting. They are over 20 years old and need to be reviewed and updated.

Chamber Report – No report

Coordinator's Report – See Attached

New Business

Member Comments

Adjournment – 6:00 pm