

**CITY OF CASEVILLE**

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

**May 16, 2023 8:35 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christopher Stahl, Marc Hill, Lou Johnson, Acting Chair, David Bouck, Lauren Formicola, Jill Rogers and Rob Pillsworth.

Also present: Jamie Learman, Secretary.

**MOTION** was made by Hill and supported by Pillsworth to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting, motion carried. **7-0 Approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MDA Summer Workshop flyer

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The bank balances were discussed: 2MIL \$68,927.17; TIFA \$291,265.06. 2022 taxes still not settled by county.

Learman also discussed a possible E.V. Federal grant that is going to run through the State of Michigan.

He also asked for D.D.A. support with the Riverside Park project. The engineering cost is \$40,000 for "Phase 1" and he asked if someone could make a recommendation during the "New Business" section.

**Motion** by Stahl second by Rogers to approve the treasurer's report. **7-0 Approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Louis Johnson talked about prices for the Michigan Mobile Company. These new additions of all the bases, flag pole painting and clock repair still fall under the approved funds and the board stated he could complete these additional requests, with no additional action needed.

Facade Grants- Formicola talked about the grants. The board has recommended \$30,000 for the next fiscal year. The board again reviewed the application. A **MOTION** by Rogers second by Bouck to approve the revised application and set the due date to August 21, 2023 at noon for applications. **7-0 Approved.** The board decided they would next meet, after the June budget meeting, on August 22, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. to review and select applications for the FY 2024 grants.

Resin Statues- Formicola talked about the statue art and possible fundraisers. She will continue to look into this and report back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Louis Johnson said that Amy Moore, from the Lemon Tree, is looking into a sound system downtown and would report her findings to the board.

Discussion was held regarding the \$40,000 engineering costs for the Riverside Park Project. Some were for, some were against. Pillsworth said the board had the funds in the 2 MIL.(\$68,927.17) After much discussion **MOTION** by Pillsworth second by Formicola to pay \$20,000 towards the engineering of "Phase 1" costs and recommend to the City Council to amend the FY 2023 budget by an additional \$10,000. **4-3 Approved.** (Stahl, Hill & Bouck - Nay)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

Next meeting: JUNE 12, 2023 @ 5:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR SETTING THE TAX MILLAGE RATE AND TO ADOPT THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

**MOTION** by Hill second by Stahl to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. **7-0 Approved.**

Jamie Learman, Secretary