

CITY OF CASEVILLE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
March 18, 2025 8:30a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Redwantz, Chris Stahl, Lou Johnson, Lauren Formicola, Jill Rogers and Michael Klaiber.

Also present: Jamie Learman, Kristen Maust, Secretary and Samantha Schnettler, Executive Director for the Huron County Economic Development Corporation.

Motion was made by Johnson and supported by Stahl to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 motion carried. **6-0 Approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The bank balances were discussed: 2MIL \$61,267.72; TIFA \$ 357,161.78.

Motion was made by Rogers second by Formicola to approve the treasurer's report. **6-0 Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Redwantz asked if there were any updates on existing façade grants. There have not been any turned in as of yet to approve payments. Redwantz recommended that the DDA members need to update and revise the current DDA plan. It was suggested to form a committee to look over and make amendments to the plan. Formicola and Johnson agreed to help with that. She also expressed the need to nominate a new chair to the DDA at the next meeting. She has held this position for several years and is ready to be done. Members present, thanked Redwantz for all she has done for the DDA. Formicola presented members with some ideas for downtown Caseville improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Samantha Schnettler, Executive Director from the Huron County Economic Development Corporation attended the meeting to listen to the DDA's future plans, in hopes to help or partner with any upcoming projects needed. She will be in communication with the City Manager, if any grant opportunities become available. She is happy to see Caseville DDA is eager and thinking of new ways to develop the downtown area.

Learman gave updates on the Riverside Park project. The seawall install has begun and he presented new color photos of the new pavilion at the Riverside Park location. He asked members to think about what type of signage would look best. Formicola had some ideas that would include photo ops near the entrance of the park.

Johnson presented an estimated cost budget for flowers and supplies. He said he should have enough help with previous volunteers and possibly new ones this season.

Motion was made by Formicola and second by Klaiber to approve \$3,500 for Johnson to purchase flowers and supplies for the 2025 season. **5-0 Approved. (Johnson Abstained)**

Motion was made by Stahl and second by Formicola to approve the budgeted \$40,000 to The City of Caseville for the engineering costs at Riverside Park. **6-0 Approved.**

Next meeting: April 15, 2025 @8:30a.m.

Motion made by Rogers second by Stahl to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 a.m.


Kristen Maust, Secretary