

City of Scottville Michigan

Scottville Main Street Program

Official Minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nichols at 7:30 a.m. at Scottville City Hall.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Leon Begue
Toni Bogner
Diana Cox
Dennis Dodson
Jim Nichols
Dan Reinoehl
Jim Virden
Amy Williams

Absent Sherry Wyman

Also, present, were Josh Spencer, Amy Seng and Kathy Maclean .

Approval of the Minutes

Motion, by Dodson and seconded by Reinoehl, to approve the February 10, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Committee Reports

Nichols stated they would not be reviewing the committee meetings due to the agenda for this meeting. All the information for the meetings was included in the Board's packet for their review.

Financial Report

Reinoehl briefly discussed the financial report. Spencer noted due to the way the year-end falls, their budget may not balance because they could be waiting for money from the State.

Old Business

Motion, by Reinoehl and seconded by Bogner, to approve the 2010 work plans as presented. Motion carried.

Spencer stated each committee has reviewed their portion of the budget. Spencer stated the Main Street Program was not awarded the Great Lakes Energy grant, so he removed that amount from the budget. Motion, by Dodson and seconded by Reinoehl, to approve the 2010 budget. Motion carried.

New Business

Spencer stated in order for the proposed developers of the Old School House to obtain some needed state and federal funding, they are asking the Main Street Program to revise their Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan and include their renovation project in their plans. Spencer stated to revise the plan they would need approval from the Commission and a public hearing would have to be held. Spencer estimates the cost to complete the amendment would be approximately \$600.00. A short discussion on the amendment followed. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cox ,to approve the proposed amendment to the DDA Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan. Motion carried.

Spencer introduced S. Elizabeth and Todd McMaster, who are interested in seeking a Signature Building Grant to purchase the building at 101 North Main Street. The Signature Grant pays for 75% of the cost and the McMaster's would be responsible for the remaining 25%. The City of Scottville would be the purchasing party and lease the property to the McMasters for five years and then sell the building to them for \$1 at the end of the required period. Spencer noted he personally knows the McMasters, but they have or will not receive any special consideration or benefits regarding their request for the grant. Mrs. McMaster stated they are interested in this building to use for office space and rental apartments. They plan on restoring the building back to its original design and charm as much as possible. The McMasters also want to make the building energy efficient when doing the renovation. The building would not be included on the City's tax roll during the five year period, but personal property taxes would be in effect. Begue asked about the job creation factor. The McMasters stated they would be hiring two full time persons; one secretarial and one bookkeeper to meet the grant requirements. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Dodson, to approve the Signature Building Grant Application Proposal. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Spencer reminded everyone of the quarterly training that will be held on March 31.

Spencer reminded everyone to sell their tickets for the 200 party.

Adjourn

It was moved by Hansen and seconded by Dodson to adjourn. So carried at 8:05 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah A. Howe, Recording Secretary

