



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
420 N. Front St
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am., by Chairperson Bahle.

Present: Bahle, Millns, Wierzba, Peterson, Sitkins, Derigiotis & Young
Absent: Lutke & Popke
Guests: Rob Bacigalupi, Mission North Consulting
Staff present: Petroskey & Larrea

Approval of Agenda

Sitkens moved, Young seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 No: 0.

Conflict of Interest: None

Approval of Downtown Development Authority Minutes

Millns moved, Derigiotis seconded, CARRIED, to approve the April 9, 2025, DDA meeting minutes. Ayes: 7, No: 0.

Public Comment: Bill Perkins asked the DDA to support that council move EV Charging stations up on the Council work plan. Steve Stanton stated that he would like to see charging stations as his daughter visits from downstate and has no where to charge her car. Bill Crackel noted that he has a friend that comes up with an electric car so he put in a 110 cord in his garage.

Items for Consideration:

a. Consultant Report

Chair Bahle and Consultant Bacigalupi prepared a FAQ sheet for the Board to review. They stated that they hoped this would start an awareness campaign. The Board agreed that positive information was necessary and would prevent the spread of misinformation. Bahle stated he would be the contact for the Board. Millns moved

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Derigiotis seconded CARRIED, to move forward with an awareness campaign using the FAQ sheet as a tool. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

b. Bathroom Update:

The new design was presented to the Board. Once the design is finalized then it can go out for bid. Rob Larrea stated the initial intent was to begin construction this year.

Manager's Update: Rob Larrea noted that the Village Council will be discussing raising water rates at their next meeting. This is to help offset state mandated infrastructure improvements. He added that the Village Council determined at their last meeting that EV charging stations are not a top priority.

Information and comments:

Board Members Comments: Sitkens noted that Inland Seas is currently investigating EV charging stations. Dan Derigiotis stated that Hansens has also looked into them to be placed on site. Bahle and Young noted they supported the idea of EV stations in the Village. It was suggested to review the DDA plan before considering this as an agenda item.

Public Comments: Bill Crackel suggested all improvements accomplished by the DDA should have a sign attached noting this contribution. He added he appreciated the incremental water rate increase proposal rather than a large increase.

Next Meeting is June 11, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Meeting minutes submitted by Dorothy Petroskey, Clerk.