

**Cass City Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
September 12, 2023**

The Meeting was brought to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Kranz.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tyler Erla, James Kranz, Amy Peters, Geraldine Prieskorn, David Weiler, Tuscola EDC Director Steve Erickson and Village President Robert Piaskowski

EXCUSED: Eric Brown, Jon Ligrow

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Debbie Powell, Director of Community Development Melanie Radabaugh, Administrative Assistant Linda Miller

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023, meeting by Weiler and supported by Peters. Motion Carried.

No comments during Citizen Comments.

Motion to approve the August 31, 2023, Financial Report was made by Weiler and supported by Peters. Motion Carried.

Tuscola County DDA Report – Tuscola EDC Director said the \$500,000 grant contract came through last Friday and this will be on the agenda for the next Land Bank meeting in October. Erickson said you need to make sure you have representation at the Land Bank meeting, so they know you are interested in receiving this grant money for stabilization of the Cultural Center Building and the demolition of the 6473 Main Street building.

Chamber of Commerce: No report.

Leach Street Property: Rob Piaskowski did some research and prepared a handout showing the number of parking spaces that would be gained by demolishing the Leach Street house.

Motion to request from the Village a special allocation for the demolition of the Leach Street house was made by Erla and supported by Weiler. Motion carried.

Business Builders Project: Melanie Radabaugh, Director of Community Development, handed out an application and a flyer for the Business Builders Event scheduled for Thursday, November 9th.

Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Joey Kreeger was made by Peters and supported by Weiler. Motion carried.

Manager Powell mentioned the Village voted to accept a grant of \$35,000 from MEDC for Pre-development Marketing of Downtown Businesses. This grant goes from August to August and must be used. The Village is putting the 2024 Budget and Goals together and needs input from the DDA.

There was some discussion on the need for tree trimming and the future of the trees in the Downton Business Area. Radabaugh will get some information on possible tree solutions.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda W. Miller
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