

Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 6th, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Present: Elaine Edwards, Heidi Dybing, Tom Smith, and Phil Dybing

Absent: David Gray

Visitors: None

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 5:30 p.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Phil Dybing motioned to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of H.F. No 994. Member Heidi Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Phil Dybing motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Regular Business:

- A. **Election of Officers:** Member Phil Dybing motioned to appoint the following: Elaine Edwards as President, Phil Dybing for Vice-President, Administrator Peterson for Secretary and Treasurer. Member Heidi Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Updates:**
 - 1. **School:** They are nearing the end of the conceptual design phase. The site survey has been completed, while the Geotechnical survey will be conducted soon. They are working on finalizing construction documents that will be used for bidding purposes. The asbestos abatement portion of the project is currently out for bids. The school is still considering traffic concerns, and looking for input.
 - 2. **Treasurer's Report:** The operating fund has a balance of \$10,741.26, the Loan fund at \$10,735.13 LPU. The board then reviewed the outstanding loans, three are current. The fourth loan to Beautiful Something is still past due. The board requested that Ms. Knight be invited to attend the next EDA meeting in order to come to a conclusion for a plan to bring the past due loan current.
 - 3. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Member Tom Smith noted that the Council had approved a grant agreement with the DNR for \$20,000 to replace the fishing dock in Sylvan Park. The Council also approved a grant agreement with SMIF for \$10,000 to update the Comprehensive Plan. Planning & Zoning will be overseeing the project to update the Comprehensive Plan. HPC is helping to coordinate efforts to celebrate the 150th celebration.
 - 4. **Chamber of Commerce:** The new Director Andrzej Zalasinski provided a brief background of himself. The annual Chamber meeting was completed. Mr. Zalasinski also commented on his plans for the Chamber for the remainder of 2019.
 - 5. **Downtown Business Alliance:** The Downtown Business Alliance will meet tomorrow morning at 8:30.
- C. **Old Business:**

- 1. Feasibility Study: Housing:** Member Edwards noted that they were working to finalize the study for a 22-bed facility. Edwards requested members review the draft and offer comments.
- 2. SMIF: Rural Entrepreneurial Venture:** The core group from Lanesboro and Spring Valley met last week and identified the businesses that the group would like to work with during 2019. SMIF is hosting a REV meeting for all communities, March 27th in Owatonna. A REV presentation was given at the annual Chamber meeting.
- 3. Housing:** Member Phil Dybing was elected to the board of the Lanesboro Housing Authority. The annual meeting was held recently, many community members as well as representatives from Lifestyle were in attendance. The group is currently reviewing and updating the by-laws. It was noted that the funds the Authority currently has can be used to maintain Kenilworth and Sylvan apartments, as well it could be used to build a new facility. The House and Senate have created bills to support creation of a revolving loan fund for 11 counties including Fillmore. Member Phil Dybing motioned to approve signing a letter of support for the bills. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

D. Items from Members:

- 1.** The current property that is home to the Diner car, is being considered for a new structure.
- 2.** The Creamery (or Winery) building has been sold, however the current owners must first go through the process of splitting the parcel.
- 3.** Don Lukkason may be interested in serving on the EDA.
- 4.** Sons of Norway will hold a grand opening July 4-7th.

Next Meeting: April 3rd, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Member Smith moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Phil Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk