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Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Present: Phil Dybing, Elaine Edwards, Tom Smith, and Cathy Enerson

Absent: None

Visitors: Andrezj Zalinski, Joe Jacobson, Harry Davis, Scot Ramsey, Joe Koetzke, Kara Maloney, Darla Taylor, Mat Johnson, and Katja Kressman.

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 11:00 a.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Edwards motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the minutes from September 3, 2020 as presented. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Regular Business:

A. New Business:

1. **Althing:** Joe Jacobson, Scot Ramsey, Mat Johnson, and Katja Kressman gave a presentation and brief explanation of the Althing Project. Althing is working to provide a solution to bring healthcare into communities. The Board approved unanimously to look into the project further, and determine what potential costs for the service could be. An in person meeting will be scheduled for the near future.
2. **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Harry Davis with Bolton & Menk Engineering provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update, highlighting the sections relating to Economic Development. Discussion was had regarding the Economic Goals and Objectives, as well as the Land Use Map. Further discussion was had regarding zoning and if potential annexation should be considered in the plan.

B. Updates:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Administrator Peterson shared that the loan funds had been moved to F&M Bank. All loan accounts are current, and the operating account is unchanged.
2. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Administrator Peterson shared that the Dam is substantially complete. The Council also recently accepted the bid from Wapasha Construction for a new Wastewater Treatment Facility. Additionally all public meetings for the month of October will be held virtually. Director Enerson and Member Edwards will provide a report to the Council at the October meeting.
3. **Chamber of Commerce:** Director Zalasinski noted that the Visitors Guide is being sent out, and will also include a letter to local residents. Zalasinski also reported that the app being created for the Chamber is in the trial version now, the app will show current business hours.
4. **Lanesboro Business Update:** The group met earlier in the day, Member Edwards, Director Enerson, and Administrator Peterson took part in the meeting. The Brewery is still scheduled to open in October. The group discussed welcoming and inclusion, the goal would be to create a welcome packet to share with new business owners as well as new residents. It was also noted that a request

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to close Coffee Street has been received and the City Council will be reviewing the request at the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2020.

- 5. EDA Director Update:** Director Enerson shared the monthly report and noted that the Small Town Grant received an extension through June 2021. One hundred percent of the \$10,000 grant funds are to be used for personal protection equipment expenses. Director Enerson will share this with the City Council on Monday, October 5, 2020, as well create the necessary program documents.

C. Old Business:

- 1. Housing Institute:** Member Dybing noted he had gathered data specific to available ready to build lots, as well as additional potential vacant lots.
- 2. COVID Funding Grants:** This discussion is part of the City Council meeting for next Monday October 5.

D. Items from Members:

- 1. Sons of Norway:** Member Dybing noted that the project is nearly complete. In addition to the painting the front decking will also be replaced with composite decking. Director Enerson is still waiting to hear back on the grant funding for the way finding sign.

Adjourn: Member Dybing moved to adjourn at 12:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Edwards. Motion carried all in favor.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson, MCMC
City Administrator/Clerk