

**Lanesboro Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2021 11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom**

Present: Phil Dybing, Elaine Edwards, Joe Goetzke, and Cathy Enerson

Absent: None

Visitors: Andrej Zalinski, Sarah Peterson, Drue Ferguson, Michele Peterson and Darla Taylor

Member Edwards called the Regular Meeting of the Lanesboro Economic Development Authority to order at 11:04 a.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Edwards motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of two stay safe grant applications. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes:** Member Edwards motioned to approve the minutes from December 3, 2020 as presented. Member Dybing joined the meeting and seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Regular Business:

- A. **Drue Ferguson-Properties for sale:** Drue shared her data and research regarding the current amount of properties for sale in Lanesboro and the length of time each has been marketed. She shared concerns about the prices that were being marketed and thought some may be unreasonable based on the value of the building. EDA Members shared tools and opportunities for business owners to help educate themselves and thanked her for sharing the information.
- B. **Updates:**
 - 1. **Treasurer's Report:** The EDA operating fund has a balance of \$15579.01. The Loan fund is currently at \$25,144.19 with all loans current, and Barb Soma's loan paid in full.
 - 2. **City/P&Z/HPC/LPU:** Administrator Peterson shared that the council kept the EDA funding in the LPU Budget for 2021. She also noted that lodging and on sale liquor license fees have been waived for 2021. An easement for potential development beyond Hillside Ave was retained by the City. The city council will be discussing future meetings and the possibility of in person at their February 1, 2021 meeting.
 - 3. **Chamber of Commerce:** The annual meeting will be held virtually this year on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7pm. There are currently three seats up for election on the board and exactly 3 candidates. The three candidates are Don Lukkason, Fred Keil and Steve Sobiniak.
 - 4. **Lanesboro Business Update:** The group met earlier in the morning and are moving forward with planning 2021 events.
 - 5. **School Board:** Board member Sarah Peterson reported that the Lanesboro Child Care Center is moved into the new location. She also noted that school board meetings are being held in person in the school gym to allow for plenty of social distancing. She suggested a final completion date for the project could be mid February.

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- C. Director's Report:** Director Enerson reviewed her report with board members, the report was included in the meeting packet as well.
- 1. Stay Safe Grant Applications:** Member Dybing motioned to approve the grant application for Commonweal Theatre and Sons of Norway. Member Goetzke seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
 - 2. USDA Rural Enterprise Grant:** Director Enerson noted that the city council approved moving forward with the grant process to capitalize the revolving loan fund.
- D. Items from Member:**
- 1. Phil Dybing-Housing Group:** Member Dybing shared that the Housing Group would be meeting later today and would hope to present the group and their idea and mission to the city council possibly as soon as the February meeting.
 - 2. Joe Goetzke -Website:** Joe suggested that a collaboration of websites may better serve our community if it were more focused on all the live, work and play aspects of the City of Lanesboro.
 - 3. Phil Dybing-Wayfinding Sign:** Phil mentioned that they are still looking for someone to give cost estimates to manufacture the sign.

Adjourn: Member Edwards moved to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Dybing. Motion carried all in favor.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor
Deputy Clerk