

Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 5:30 p.m. Chamber Office

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

In Attendance:

John Schincariol, Rich Strand, Larry Nielsen, Sherry Taylor, Don Rook, Roman Plaszczak, Mary Lou Hartwell, Steve Racette

Don made a motion to approve the minutes supported by Mary Lou.
Motion to Ratify last months decisions in the minutes made by Mary Lou and supported by Don Rook.

Old Business:

Façade application for 201 N. Kalamazoo st. – Strength Beyond – Aaron Diprima No work has been done yet but Aaron is asking for assistance in paving the parking lot next to Strength Beyond where Dukes was located. Aaron would in return allow the village to use the lot for event parking. He would also like to paint his roof and add an awning. The committee decided that paving the lot would open a can of worms and paving parking lots is not the intention of the Façade program. They are willing to pay 50% on the paint plus an additional 5% if bought locally. They will also pay 1/3 of the cost of an awning minus the signage. Approval upon receipt of invoices.

Façade Application for 217 E. Michigan Ave. - Grapevine – Awning, Paint, Roofing. The committee approved \$476.28 for paint (total was \$865.97) and \$455.95 for the awning (1/3 of \$1568.00-\$200 for lettering) for a grand total of \$932.23. Mary Lou made a motion to approve supported by Sherry Taylor, Motion carried.

Guest John Mohney discussed the Carnegie building and the plans of the DDA and Village to relocate the DDA/Chamber Office to the Carnegie Building. Roman stated that the move would raise the prestige of the DDA/Chamber Office. Don pointed out that the DDA would be paying for the building anyway and so by moving would no longer have to pay the expenses at the present office. There would also be much more space and the Carnegie could eliminate the cost of paying Lindsey \$400 a month by having Mary book the downstairs. Mary Lou felt it would just be dumping more money into an already expensive venture. She feels that the Carnegie has been deteriorating and needs too much work to be functional. She felt it should be sold. Roman strongly disagreed as he feels it is a historic building and has historic value to the village. Don agrees that the building is in poor repair and feels much the same as Mary but there are a great number of people who feel differently so this could be a good solution. Don has kept the books for the Carnegie and feels that financially it could hold its own with the Art Association, the Garden Club and others who rent. Larry suggested that we meet at the Carnegie for a walk through at 3:00 p.m. on Friday October 19th. Mary will notify members not present at this meeting. Mary reported that Harold Schuitmaker stopped into the office earlier and wanted to give his support for the relocation of DDA/Chamber office to the Chamber.

Mary reported that the parade committee was meeting on Wed. for their first meeting. Sherry suggested that the committee may want to consider a parade of lights.

Larry suggested that the DDA consider allocating money for \$10 Chamber Bucks for all businesses that decorate one of the 32 Christmas Trees placed in the pots downtown. Roman made the motion and Rich supported. The motion carried.

Mary presented the bills in the amount of 1254.85. Mary Lou made a motion to approve payment of the bills supported by Don and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35.