

JANAURY 14, 2022
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES

Present were Dr. Lee Newton, Kevin Peil, Cristen Gignac, Jeff Mayes, Mike Thelen, Sandra Covaleski

Absent as Glenn Rowley, Brenda Rowley and Barb Behmlander

Also present Richard Sheppard

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by the Chairman and roll call taken. The Chairman invited public comment and there was no one from the public that addressed the Board and public comment closed at approximately 8:02 a.m.

Motion was made by Sandra Covaleski, seconded by Jeff Mayes to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2021 meeting as submitted. Voice vote all yes and none opposed.

The treasurer's report was received and reviewed by the Board as well as review of the outstanding bills. Motion by Cristen Gignac and seconded by Mike Thelen to receive the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Roll call was taken and all present approved. Glenn Rowley, Brenda Rowley and Barb Behmlander absent.

Motion was made by Cristen Gignac and seconded by Jeff Mayes to enter into a closed session at about 8:20 a.m. to discuss the written opinion of the attorney regarding captured finances. Roll call was taken and all present approved. Glenn Rowley, Brenda Rowley and Barb Behmlander absent.

At approximately 8:40 a.m. the closed session concluded and the Board returned to open session. Roll call was again taken and all of those present at the beginning of the Board meeting were also present. Brenda Rowley arrived at approximately 8:41 a.m. after the closed session. Glenn Rowley and Barb Behmlander absent.

Presentation was made by Kevin Peil of Tri City Brewery regarding an addition being requested to place on the outside of his building a patio/covered patio with side meshed screening with heating to allow for outdoor and greater attendance events. It was his opinion that the mesh with the heating and covered porch would extend the operation within this patio area for one month later in the fall and commence one month earlier in the spring.

Mr. Peil indicated that based upon the estimates received to date, the total cost would be approximately \$150,000. He was requesting support from the DDA to help with this project and believe that 20% or \$30,000 would be beneficial for the expansion of this business.

Dr. Newton suggested that Mr. Peil consider not the normal 5% contribution but since it is a food service industry the DDA may be capable of considering financing greater than the 5%.

There was also suggestion by attorney Sheppard that a previous applicant had certain information and application form as provided by the DDA and for the purpose of consistency, this applicant should complete similar forms. There was a general consensus and discussion that the March 2022 meeting may be enough time to grant any type of financial assistance, that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and if a special meeting in February were called, the request would be considered in February.

The Niswander Environmental mitigation was discussed and once again it was planned that a request be made to EGLE to have an inspection done and dispense with the rest of the ten (10) mitigation plan. There is no update by Niswander to present at this meeting.

Under the heading of other business, there was general discussion regarding the information passed out for new park benches made from recycled material. However, Dr. Newton thought it was best to wait for Mr. Rowley to be present since he was the one that found this source and had the most information about the park benches.

It was generally the consensus of the Board that the DDA and TIFF Plan not be amended immediately, but be considered in the future as appropriate.

Question was made from Dr. Newton to the attorney what the number of DDA Board Members could be permitted. The attorney believed that the DDA placed a general number of Board Members pursuant to the Act and he would check on the same and report back. (8 to 12 as picked by the Township Board in its Ordinance).

Motion by Sandra Covaleski to require the attorney to update the Bylaws per the correspondence of December 9, 2021 from attorney Sheppard. Seconded by Jeff Mayes. Roll call all yes except that Kevin Peil had left the meeting prior to that time. G. Rowley and B. Behmlander absent.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Newton at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Richard C. Sheppard
Recording Secretary