**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting**

**October 24, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:30 PM, on October 24th, 2022. Present were authority Members Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Pete Munson, Ryan Nummela, and Nate Heffron. Absent: Haley Thomas, Mike Ridenour, and Ben Snapp

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26th, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the financials. DDA Member Ryan Nummela made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by DDA Member Pete Munson. Motion Passed.

The DDA reviewed a Downtown Economic Development Grant application for 511 Iron Street, tabled from prior meeting to obtain additional information about the project. DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to award a $25,000 grant request to 209 Gold Street. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to allow the purchase of up to $1,000 for additional lighting decoration for the tunnel of lights. Seconded by DDA Member Pete Munson. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on the RAP grant and the DDA’s involvement. The DDA presented examples of elements for light poles fixtures and archways for the project. Consultant Lang will provide more information on these items and others at future meetings.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on the Tinseltown event for this year.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion allow the purchase for the following items for the Tinseltown Celebration 2022 (Up to $250 on cady for the parade and up to $250 for tractor rides). Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on the Heikki Lunta event this year.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave a brief report on the downtown property updates.

Public Comment: Anna Mattson (see written statement).

Board member Comments: Marybeth Kurtz made comments concerning blight elimination in the downtown and the process. Pete Munson made comments concerning blight elimination in the downtown and the process.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

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Nate Heffron