



Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2024 • 5:30 p.m.

Carnegie Center @ 129 S. Kalamazoo St. Paw Paw

Call to order - Meeting of the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Chair Mary Lou Hartwell.

In attendance – Mary Lou Hartwell, Barbara Carpenter, Sarah Cox, Terrie Simpkins, Chris Moraitis, Ellyn Jones, Kim Otten Bryan Myrkle - Village Manager and Mary Springer - DDA Coordinator

Absent: Jim Whelan, Janet Wartman, Jason Diebler, Roman Placzazak

Guest: Dave Jones spoke to the façade committee about work he planned to do to his downtown properties.

A Motion was made by Sarah Cox and **Supported** by Barbara Carpenter to approve the minutes of the July 2024, meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

Grant Requests:

A Motion was made by Sarah Cox and **Supported** by Terrie Simpkins to approve the Grant Request by Chan's Palace– 131 E. Michigan Ave. for \$2685.50 for brick work, paint and a screen door. Project total of 5371.01. **Motion carried.**

A Motion was made by Kim Otten and **Supported** by Terrie Simpkins to approve the Grant Request for 232 E Michigan Ave. for \$5000 for roofing, Project total of \$173,000.
Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Barbara Carpenter and **Supported** by Kim Otten to approve the Grant Request by 228 E Michigan Ave. for \$5000 for roofing, Project total of \$173,000.
Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Sarah Cox and **Supported** by Kim Otten to approve the Grant Request by Dave Jones- 229 E Michigan Ave. for \$5000 for paint, restoration, Front/back. Project Total of \$15,000
Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Barbara Carpenter and **Supported** by Kim Otten to approve the Grant Request by Dave Jones - 231 E Michigan Ave. for \$5000 for paint, restoration, Front/back total of \$11,000 **Motion carried.**

A Motion was made by Sarah Cox and **Supported** by Barbara Carpenter to approve the Grant Request by Dave Jones - 202 E Michigan Ave. for \$5000 for paint, restoration, Front/back total of \$15,000 **Motion carried.**

A Motion was made by Sarah Cox and **Supported** by Barbara Carpenter to approve the Grant Request by Dave Jones - 109 Gremps. for \$5000 for Roof total of \$14,000 for paint, restoration, Front/back total of \$15,000 **Motion carried.**

Façade Committee discussed the prospect of not funds in the budget for future grant requests this year and how to best address this issue. There was a suggestion that we lower the grant amount to \$4000 for the rest of the fiscal year but it was decided to keep the grant amount at \$5000 and if necessary pull it from the fund balance. It was not felt that there would be a large number of grant requests over the next few months.

Committee and Staff Reports:

Manager's Report:

Bryan reported that the planning commission has approved a project for St. Julian to take down the current strip mall and create a private parking lot on the corner of Commercial and Kalamazoo St.

Copper Grill property sold and Copper Grill has announced that they will be closing and the new property owners have approached the Planning Commission for approval of a strip mall to be developed on the site. Nothing has been approved yet.

Walmart has been approved for a new addition to their existing building. There are 27 new condos being planned on Old Lane Rd. and lots of new housing being considered and in the works.

Continuing work is being done on an outdoor entertainment ordinance for the Village. Pat Warner has contracted Audio Impact, a sound engineering firm to come work on sound solutions for Warner Vineyards outdoor venue.

The Village is working on the replacement of Briggs Dam- plans have been submitted to Egle for permits. The work is expected to begin next spring.

The Village is also working on a project to improve the integrity and aesthetics of the Maple Lake Bridge. There is more street paving being planned for this fall.

There has been meetings with MDOT concerning the M-40 bridge replacement project. Projected to be a 3 year project with watermain replacement, roundabouts etc... MDOT relying on Federal funding.

Leonard Lux is retiring from the Village on October 25th but will be coming back in part time capacity. His duties are currently being divided and reassigned.

Staff Report: See Attached.

The Christmas Décor Committee:

Terrie Simpkins reported on the number of poles for décor, I will have to get those numbers again and make a correction to these min. (MS)

Ongoing Business-

Member Comments: Kim Otten let the board know that there would be fireworks at the Bloomingdale Octoberfest at 9 pm

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.