

DDA MEETING 1/28/26
LAWRENCE VILLAGE HALL

The January 27, 2026, meeting was called to order at 5:30pm with the following members present: Rachel Ferrell, Mike Chappell, John Gritter, Phil Glennie, Dale Gribler, Steve Petersen. Kim Thompson is out of town.

MINUTES: minutes of the 12/10/25 were reviewed. Motion by Phil supported by John to approve. Carried

TREASURER REPORT: bank balance as of 12/31/25 Farmers Market \$2208.70/ DDA \$95,451.30

Monthly financial report attached. Motion by Phil supported by John to accept the treasurer report. Carried

FARMER'S MARKET: Anne Cox, Dale Gribler, Phil Glennie, and Jan Petersen interviewed Tad Moody for the Farmer's Market Manager position. Interview Committee decided offer position to him and he accepted. Congratulations and Welcome to Tad!

FACADE APPLICATION: none received

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Rachel compiled a list of both residential and commercial vacant properties in the DDA area, question was how we get the properties occupied/repaired. Discussion on the property ordinance of 2023, why is this not being followed, reported lack of funding? John will follow up for answers. Dale has reached out to MarketOne for professional assistance on marketing Lawrence, Mike mentioned we may want to collaborate with the school on marketing. Phil reported that Community Development is meeting with MarketOne on February 5th at 6 pm at the Village Office. DDA members should attend.

Tax forfeiture hearing on Fruit Street Kitchen is scheduled for 2/17 Courtroom 3 in Paw Paw, Amy and Dale plan to attend.

John asked if we could forego the pickleball project and give the \$75,000 to the playground project estimated to be \$600,000. Dale replied that the project has been on the table for 5

years now and should move forward for our older taxpayers to enjoy. He mentioned we could not update the old pavilion and bathrooms and divert that funding? Better thought was to complete tonight's 2026/27 budget and see if there are any excess funds.

Motion by Mike Chappell supported by John Gritter to remove Gary Barton from the Arbor Checking Account, carried.

Motion by John Gritter supported by Phil Glennie to add Amy Cordes to the Arbor Checking Account, carried.

Motion by John Gritter supported by Rachel Farrell to authorize Dale Gribler, Steve Petersen, Kim Thompson and Amy Cordes as signators on the Arbor Checking Account. Carried

2026/27 BUDGET

REVENUE:

401. Tax capture= 200,000. 401.004 Highway sign = 1,500. 665.0. Interest= 1,500
694.0 carryover funds= 120,000. TOTAL REVENUE = 323,000

EXPENDITURES:

727.0 office supplies =500. 727.301 audit =500. 801.003 farmers market= 5,500 (3500 stipend, 2000supplies). 806 dues = 500. 864 conferences = 500. 880 community promotion= 2,500
880.01 community development = 7,500. 880.400 ox roast= 8,000. 880.500 business retention=10,000
880.600 incubator program= 10,000. 880.700 banners=1,500. 880.800 signage=2,000
910 insurance (old town hall) =7,000. 921.100 decorative lights =4,500. 922 utilities for dec. lights=2,000
930 repairs/maintenance =10,000. 956.001 downtown improvements = 145,000 (75,000 pickleball, 25,000 sidewalk replacement, 15,000 steel on park bathrooms, 30,000 old town hall HVAC) 956.003 facade grants=10,000. 965.000 building restorations/ murals = 20,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE: \$323,000. TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES: \$247,500

Motion by Rachel supported by Steve to approve the 2026/2027 DDA budget of \$323,000 revenue and \$247,500 expenses. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm. Next meeting is February 25th at 5:30pm.