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STEVE SCHNEIDER, VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
KRISTA BOOS, BOARD MEMBER  
MELISSA SCHNEIDER, BOARD MEMBER

October 25, 2023 - 7:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roosa called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Almont Village Hall, located at 817 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Present: Roosa, Miller, Feldman, S Schneider, M Schneider, Boos

Boardmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Angela Edwards, Executive Director

Guests Present: Mr. Peter Feldman, 3 students (not on sign in sheet)

### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Snowflakes

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. FOIA Request: Traci Pewinski submitted a request regarding Heritage Festival, that request was fulfilled by the DDA. As of meeting time, that FOIA request was not paid, nor picked up.
2. MDOT Road Closure Permit; Holly Day Light Festival Parade: Permit submitted and approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items:

None

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

S Schneider moved, H Miller seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Approval of September 27, 2023 meeting minutes with amendments as discussed:  
S Schneider moved, M Schneider seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. Approval of September 6, 2023 meeting minutes with amendments as discussed:  
Miller moved, Boos seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Date	Vendor	Inv #	Total
9/21/2022	The Village Shirt Company	4164	\$210.00
9/26/2023	Landscape Direct Inv from 5/31/23	73719	\$2,842.06
9/26/2023	First Congregational Church-DTE		\$70.08
9/30/2023	Village of Almont- Water Bill		\$1,259.52
10/02/2023	Tri-City Times		\$720.00
10/05/2023	Landscape Direct	74490	\$135.00
10/12/2023	MDA- Fall Conference Registration	E2893	\$305.00
10/12/2023	Landscape Direct	74070	\$417.19
10/16/2023	First Congregational Church- DTE		\$73.27
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$6,032.12</b>

## APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

H Miller moved, M Schneider seconded, T Feldman abstained. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by remaining board members**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A. September Revenue & Expenditure Report

M Schneider moved, T Feldman seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. September Check Disbursement

M Schneider moved, T Feldman seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## REPORTS

A. Director's Report October 2023

B. DPW Report

## NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance

### 1. Fountain Cover Quote

Facts: Legacy Metal has submitted a quote and mock up for an aluminum cover for the fountain downtown. Not only will it be more aesthetically pleasing but it will also be significantly lighter and easier to install.

-Discussion: The board would like an estimate of the actual weight of cover and to source other cover solutions, reaching out to other DDA's to inquire on their fountains, how they are covered. TABLED by board

### 2. American Tree Christmas Season Quote

Facts: American Tree has submitted a quote for the Christmas season. I am hoping to have at least two more quotes by the meeting. (Last seasons quote included for reference)

-Discussion and decision to have WHITE lights and additional light strands in pocket park.

H Miller moved and S Schneider seconded to accept American Tree quote with white lights, and additional lights in pocket park. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 3. Small Business Saturday Budget

Facts: The events committee has decided to have a punch card promotion for Small Business Saturday. Cards that have acquired the sufficient number of punches will be placed in a drawing with the prize being a gift basket full of products from local businesses.

H Miller moved to approved \$200 budget for SBS gift basket. M Schneider seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 4. Snowflakes: After consideration of Legacy quote to cut new snowflakes—weight (will be heavier) and how lighting would be attached, it was decided to refurbish our current ones. Angela to contact Lapeer Ed Tech welding program and auto paint to find out how they could help. Could they sandblast and paint them?

H Miller moved to refurbish current (16) snowflakes with budget not to exceed \$3,000, Boos seconded. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### DISCUSSION:

- A. Skeleton Decorating Contest: Voting now and winner will be announced before Merchant Trick or Treating
- B. Merchant Trick or Treat running from 5-6pm on Mon Oct 30, DDA table also handing out candy.
- C. Holly Day Parade: Changing are being made- Staging at high school, expanding the days events, corn hole 1-3:30, DDA sleigh to be rebranded and decorated, great photo setting.
- D. Chili Crawl to be developed for Jan/Feb.
- E. Senior Victors to OPEN December 1st.
- F. Brunch at Joe's to (soft) OPEN on Oct 30, Ribbon Cutting to be scheduled in future.
- G. Purchase of old Theater closed. Renovation details to come.
- H. Encourage businesses to decorate business fronts with lights.

### OLD BUSINESS.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON AGENDA ITEMS):** Resident Pete Feldman brought to DDA's attention, the issues in the Gass-Becker/US Post Office box parking lot. Vehicles are being blocked in when KBB trucks are present, residents getting mail are being hassled. Anyone being harassed is encouraged to report it to the Almont Post Office.

**BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** Facebook posting—board member Feldman suggested to expand our posting to share DDA businesses events, posts. Using our page to promote the DDA businesses. S Schneider brought up the past idea of decorating the business fronts with lights. With the increase of businesses coming into the DDA and renovations of other district buildings, the Facade grant budget can not absorb the cost of installation of store front lighting. Businesses are encouraged to do what they can to run lights on their store fronts.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussed the idea of purchasing of the American Legion building, demolish and pave for parking. Option to be explored to see what that would take.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm by Chairperson Roosa



Patricia Feldman, Secretary