



**Marquette Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2024**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday August 8, 2024, at the Marquette Commons. The meeting was called to order by Board President N. Durley-Rust at 8:04 a.m. with Directors P. Sala, R. Caron, M. Weinrick, C. Klecha, and K. Kovacs present.

Absent: A. Clark and R. Stern gave appropriate notice that they could not attend this meeting.

K. Kovacs made a motion to approve the absences of A. Clark and R. Stern. P. Sala seconded; motion passed.

Unexcused Absence: L. Rowland.

Others in attendance were Sean Hobbins-Marquette Assistant City Manager, Jodi Lanciani-DDA Operations Director, and Michael Bradford-DDA Business Outreach & Promotions Director.

Agenda

C. Klecha made a motion to approve the agenda. P. Sala seconded; motion passed.

Public Comment – None.

Consent Agenda

K. Kovacs made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from 7/11/2024 and 7/24/2024, bills for approval dated 7/1/2024 through 7/31/2024, and financial reports as of 7/31/2024. M. Weinrick seconded; motion passed.

July 2024 Bills:

#9 Farms	\$ 125.00	Mares-Z-Doats Feed Supply	\$ 1,020.73
906beads	\$ 10.00	Marquette Maple Company	\$ 73.00
A Place To Land	\$ 200.00	Marquette Monthly	\$ 570.00
American Welding & Gas Inc	\$ 38.80	Marquette Wallpaper & Paint	\$ 1,244.33
Andrea Stader	\$ 200.00	Midway Rentals	\$ 46.00
Aries Wild Blueberries	\$ 35.00	Mining Journal	\$ 930.00
Bad Seed Hot Sauce	\$ 15.00	Moonlight Meadows	\$ 49.00
Bakery Barn Yooper Yummies	\$ 26.00	Nagelkirk Landscapes	\$ 16,600.26
Beechgrove & Blacksmith	\$ 75.00	New Dalton Farm	\$ 791.00
Big Creek Farm	\$ 14.00	North Country Disposal	\$ 825.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 148.10	Otis Elevator	\$ 1,282.50
Board of Light & Power	\$ 2,183.93	Pileated Farms	\$ 67.00
C. Pesola LLC	\$ 1,850.00	Pomp's Tire Service	\$ 1,220.47

Capital One Commercial	\$ 540.25	Range Telecommunication	\$ 481.42
Card Connect	\$ 163.79	Seeds and Spores Family	
Cardmember Service	\$ 14,131.62	Farm	\$ 2,466.00
Carquest	\$ 12.30	SEMCO	\$ 142.76
Case Country Farm	\$ 112.00	Shady Grove Farm	\$ 52.00
Champion Glass & Countertops Inc	\$ 45.20	Snowy Acres Vegetable	
Charter Communications	\$ 79.98	Farm	\$ 563.00
Chesla & Associates PC	\$ 290.00	Stenberg Brothers	\$ 750.00
City of Marquette	\$ 10,539.80	Stericycle	\$ 74.92
Copeman, Jenn	\$ 100.00	Superior Culture	\$ 96.00
Cross General Contracting	\$ 24,380.00	Superior Line Striping	\$ 4,550.00
Curran & Company	\$ 662.49	Swampy Acres LLC	\$ 169.00
Dalco	\$ 464.92	Swanzy Farm	\$ 568.00
Dancing Crane Farm LLC	\$ 142.00	T2 Systems Canada Inc.	\$ 1,900.00
Doozers	\$ 24.00	The Remnants	\$ 150.00
Ever Yielding Acres	\$ 364.00	TK Elevator	\$ 900.65
Fairest Promises	\$ 173.00	Tonella Farms	\$ 356.00
Farmer Lake Hydroponic	\$ 65.00	Traffic & Safety Control	
Freshwind Farms	\$ 93.00	Systems	\$ 950.00
Full Plate Farm	\$ 826.00	Traunik Farm	\$ 254.00
Generations Jazz	\$ 150.00	U.P. Kubota	\$ 635.65
Gladstone Berry Farm	\$ 509.00	UP Gourmet	\$ 693.00
Going Small Farm LLC	\$ 5.00	UP North Roast	\$ 60.00
Great Lakes Radio, Inc	\$ 3,200.00	Vestis	\$ 382.55
Guindon Farms	\$ 10.00	VSP Insurance Co.	\$ 82.72
Heartland Services	\$ 1,894.50	Wellspring Farm	\$ 195.00
Integris	\$ 258.74	Western Michigan Health	
Jesse Wright	\$ 330.00	Ins.	\$ 4,604.58
Little Parsley Farm	\$ 423.00	Xerox Corporation	\$ 214.18
Lowe's	\$ 354.73	Yoopers Country Farms	\$ 523.00
		Yoopers Sisters	\$ 34.00
		Payroll Costs & Benefits	\$ 51,364.41
		Total	\$ 163,197.28

New Business

Marji Gesick Event Support: P. Sala made a motion to support the Marji Gesick Event on September 21, 2024. C. Klecha seconded; motion passed.

Board Secretary Appointment: M. Weinrick nominated K. Kovacs for secretary. P. Sala seconded; motion passed.

Changes in Committee Assignments: C. Klecha joined the Business Development and Promotion and Design and Maintenance Committees.

Signatory Resolution: P. Sala made a motion to add K. Kovacs as a signer on the account as long as there are no conflicts. M. Weinrick Seconded; motion passed.

Committee Reports – None.

Executive Director's Report – The DDA promoted Nathan Kartheiser to Maintenance Coordinator. Liam Gray is promoted to mechanic, and we are looking to fill one more full-time position. Several new businesses are going in downtown, the occupancy rate is great, and there has been lots of discussion of upcoming projects.

Operation Director's Report – The 3rd St. Banners are up. We have ordered a large public bathroom sign for the side of the Common's Building which should help direct public from Washington St.

Business Development and Promotions Director's Report - Blueberry Fest went well with fewer issues than last year. Travel Marquette calculated attendance of 7,200 people, with an increased length of stay over last year. The attendees were 58% from Marquette County, 9% from other U.P. counties, 17% from downstate, and 16% out of state. The Music on 3rd street closure feedback from businesses thus far has been positive, with very few not in favor of it. We are moving forward with the street closure from Arch to College Ave with Hewitt open. Classic Cars on Third is coming up. The Women's Center is taking the lead on logistics on this event.

Farmers Market Manager's Report - Brian is not able to be at this meeting, but T. Laase-McKinney reported that it is currently National Farmers Market Week, and The City of Marquette passed a proclamation of support of this celebration.

Public Comment: None.

Board Member Comment: P. Sala has enjoyed the summer events and hears great things from the community. She thinks people will be happy to see the street closure for Music on 3rd. M. Weinrick said Blueberry Fest was a lot of fun. R. Caron commented that it has been a busy summer, but everything is going well. N. Durley-Rust feels time is flying by, Blueberry Fest was great, and the Wednesday Farmers Markets are going well with lots of extra foot traffic downtown. She welcomed C. Klecha. C. Klecha is excited to be here representing a business of downtown and as a resident of downtown. K. Kovacs commented on all the good things going on around town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi Lanciani, Operations Director

