



**Marquette Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2022**

Call to order: A meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday August 11, 2022 at the Marquette Commons. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson J. Ottaway at 8:02 a.m. with Directors N. Durley-Rust, M. Morrison, R. Stern, and M. Weinrick present.

A motion to excuse the absence of A. Adan and L. Rowland was made by R. Stern and seconded by M. Morrison. Motion passed. After the meeting it was noted that R. Coron and K. Kovacs had both emailed J. Lanciani stating they were unable to attend the meeting prior to the meetings start time.

There was one addition to the agenda to include an updated vehicle quote. A motion to approve this addition was made by R. Stern and seconded by N. Durley-Rust. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes from 7/14/2022 and the minutes from the special meeting held on 7/28/22, bills for approval from 7/1/22-7/31/22, and the financial reports as of 7/31/22 by M. Weinrick and seconded by R. Stern. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Bruce Hekkila of 700 Hampton St. who also owns buildings in the downtown district gave compliments to the current MDDA board and maintenance crew and was curious of how the public could become involved in the Vault Hotel/parking lot discussion.

#9 Farms	14.00	Lamar Advertising	375.00
906 Technologies	737.52	Little Parsley Farm	39.00
AT & T	481.95	Lowe's	64.49
AT&T Mobility	56.58	Mares-Z-Doats Feed Supply	300.00
Bad Seed Hot Sauce	30.00	Marquette Maple Company	113.00
Batteries Plus Bulbs	2,123.80	Marquette Monthly	370.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	2,704.27	Michigan Agritourism Association	125.00
Board of Light & Power	2,321.64	Michigan Downtown Association	150.00
Borealis Baking Company	52.00	Midway Rentals	14.99
C. Pesola LLC	1,700.00	Mining Journal	147.00
Capital One Commercial	221.06	MUSHROOM JOE	4.00
Card Connect	65.52	Nagelkirk Landscapes	11,377.90
Cardmember Service	1,254.15	New Dalton Farm	71.00
Carquest	78.46	Nimbus Irrigation	4,579.81
Case Country Farm	218.00	NMPSA	290.00
Charter Communications	565.54	North Country Disposal	320.00
Chesla & Associates PC	270.00	Otis Elevator	955.17

City of Marquette	3,099.40	Peace Pie Co.	33.00
Cook Sign Service	1,877.48	Pileated Farms	48.00
Curran & Company	520.00	Pitney Bowes	53.06
Dalco	407.68	Range Telecommunication	4,209.91
Dancing Crane Farm LLC	37.00	Rock River Farm	104.00
Doozers	51.00	Rocks Open Valley Ranch	40.00
Downtown EyeCare	180.00	Seeds and Spores Family Farm	656.00
Elixirs	60.00	SEMCO	211.79
Ever Yielding Acres	372.00	Shady Grove Farm	7.00
Fastenal	14.23	Superior Culture	37.00
Flores, Ivan	222.30	Swampy Acres LLC	51.00
French-tastic	15.00	Swanzy Farm	113.00
Freshwind Farms	41.00	T2 Systems Canada Inc.	3,550.00
Full Plate Farm	210.00	Tonella Farms	250.00
Gladstone Berry Farm	65.00	Traffic & Safety Control Sytems Inc	1,113.00
Great Lakes Snack Co.	12.00	Treasa's Treasures	70.00
Guindon Farms	168.00	Ty's Ty-ni Kitchen	23.00
Heartland Services	2,565.46	Uline	321.43
Integris	75.25	Uncle Chucks Funny Farm	82.00
Jeff Yuhas	96.80	UP Gourmeet	150.00
L. Naylor Design	280.00	Xerox Corporation	239.84
Lake Superior Press	316.41	Yoopers Country Farms	90.00
Lakeshore Depot L3C	28.00	July Payroll	30,825.06
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	23,608.50

Old Business: Reminder of walking tour August 25, 2022 at 8 a.m. The tour was still scheduled to take place.

New Business:

Marji Gesick Event Support: This event is asking for MDDA board support because the event starts downtown. The event will include about 400 racers plus spectators. The race starts at 8 a.m. while set-up will start at 5:30 a.m. in the Lakeshore Parking Lot. A motion to approve support for this event and have the Executive Director draft a letter of support was made by M. Morrison and seconded by N. Durley-Rust. Motion passed.

Maintenance Vehicle Quotes: The MDDA is in need of some replacement vehicles including a small bobcat articulated loader and/or a Vermeer ATX850. The MDDA maintenance staff, executive director, and city personnel were able to look at the vehicles and they came with the city's recommendation. Vermeer will also be able to train the maintenance staff on operation. A motion to approve the purchase of the Vermeer ATX850 pallet fork attachment, mini snow/light material blade attachment, and hydraulic snow blower attachment totaling up to \$80,000 was made by R. Stern and seconded by M. Weinrick. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: Parking- Vault project update: No new updates are available.

Sarah Johnson the Farmer's Market Manager gave a presentation on the Market and a mid-season update.

Director's Report: MDDA will be attending the Community Foundation Dinner again if any board members are interested in joining. A new sign-up will circulate for volunteers for the Saturday morning Farmer's Market. A candidate was chosen and hired for the new Director of Business Promotions. They do, however, have to finish out their current job so their name will not be publicly released yet. Almost all Match on Main grants have been completed except for Ore Dock Brewing Company who will ask for an extension since they are waiting to hear from MEDC. The 15-minute free option is now available on the Passport App and staff is working on getting a zone map up as well.

Public Comment: Bruce Heikkila commented on how the meeting was good and he was amazed at how much work went into the farmer's market. He also inquired if anyone had talked to the City of Houghton about their interaction with the owner's of the Vault hotel.

Board Member Comment: M. Weinrick said he was interested in hearing more about the Vault updates. M. Morrison has lots of safety gear she would like to donate to the MDDA and also has an example of the work gear voucher her company uses. N. Durley-Rust thanked Sarah Johnson for her farmer's market presentation and commented she was happy to see the market recovering from Covid years. J. Ottoway is looking forward to the Wednesday market growing and future years of redevelopment of the Marquette Commons.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nichole Durley-Rust, Secretary

