

ANGELA EDWARDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ANDY ROOSA, CHAIRPERSON
HOLLIE MILLER, VICE CHAIR & TREASURER
PATRICIA FELDMAN, SECRETARY



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

Regular Minutes January 24, 2024 - 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roosa called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. at the Almont Village Hall, located at 817 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Board members Present: Roosa, Miller, Feldman, S Schneider, M Schneider, Boos

Board members Absent: All present

Staff Present: Angela Edwards, Executive Director

Guests Present: None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

S Schneider moved, M Schneider seconded
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Approval of December 20, 2023 meeting minutes:
S Schneider moved to approve with corrections, H Miller seconded
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Date	Vendor	Inv #	Total
12/31/2023	YSI	1779	\$500
1/12/2024	MDA Membership Dues/ Spring Conference Registration	E2952	\$510.00
1/16/2024	Touma, Watson, Whaling	2137	\$200.00
1/20/2024	First Congregational Church/ DTE		\$86.22
Total:			\$1,296.22

\$796.22

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

The addition of invoice 1779 for \$500 was discussed, *and further removed.*

M Schneider moved to approve the bills payable in the total of \$796.22, H Miller seconded.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. December Revenue & Expenditure Report

M Schneider moved, S Schneider seconded.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. December Check Disbursement

M Schneider moved, K Boos seconded.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance

1. Budget Amendment

Facts: Kim Keesler has prepared a budget amendment along with myself (Angela) and our Treasurer (Hollie) to adjust our 2023-2024 budget where necessary.

Motion to amend the 2023-2024 budget

T Feldman moved, M Schneider seconded.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION:

A. **Chili Crawl:** The events committee met to discuss details of this event. The date has been adjusted to February 24, 2024; 11am-3pm. \$10 registration includes commemorative mug, map, ballot for voting. Road banner cost will be covered by revenue generated. Social media marketing includes a FB event page with QR code for registering. Angela to distribute flyers for posting.

B. **Social District:** The Almont DDA has asked the Almont Village Council to approve a resolution designating a social district and commons area; on the agenda for the next Village Council meeting as long as our attorneys have passed on their approval. Social Districts allow for "common areas" where two or more contiguous licensed establishments could sell alcoholic beverages for consumption within the defined social district common area. These Social Districts support local business communities and provide opportunities to increase sales and offer unique experiences to customers. Requirements include signage on every corner and 16 oz cups with our Social District logo. The Almont DDA does not plan to charge a fee, however, each business must apply for a

license with fee from the State of Michigan to join our social district. Discussed was had on how this would work with a special event, ie: Beer tent, more discussion will be required.

- C. Townopoly:** Townopoly is a customized board game and fundraising opportunity. Businesses who want to participate pay a sponsorship to be included on the board. There are no up front costs to the DDA.
- D. Changing process of financial approvals:** Board member Miller led a discussion to look into streamlining the bill payment approval process; there may be redundancy.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON AGENDA ITEMS): None

BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

—Chairperson Roosa invited the DDA board to attend the Village of Almont planning 5 year planning session.

—Board member M Schneider asked if the DDA board could meet the new interim Village Manager.

—There is a new parking lot/parking space issue behind the old laundromat and has been staked off. They are still claimed to be owned by the former owner of the old theater building.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm by Chairperson Roosa

Minutes approved 2/28/24 with corrections/additions



Patricia E Feldman
Secretary, Almont DDA