



VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Monday, February 24, 2025  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by chairperson, Mary Faculak.

**Members present:** Mary Faculak, Lynn Spearing, Tina Sundelius, Jerry Rasmussen, Chris Randall, Chris Wallace, & Student Rep. Max Muladore.

**Also Present:** Heather Beem

**Members absent:** Nathan Swailes, Ginny McCallum.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

A **motion** to approve the agenda was made by Wallace, seconded by Randall. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A **motion** to approve the meeting minutes from the November 25, 2024 goal setting retreat as presented was made by Sundelius, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Spearing reported that the bank balance was \$10,639.19. Everything is paid up to date. There are some expected Concerts on the Square expenses. A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Randall, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**New Member Approval:**

A **motion** to appoint Heather Beem to the DDA was made by Spearing, seconded by Wallace. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Concerts on the Square:**

We are preparing to send out sponsorship letters this week. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the DDA has fully financed Concerts on the Square. We are hoping that we can get enough sponsors so we can move on to another project.

**2025 Schedule:** June 25-Drawbridge Ukulele

July 2-Tradesmen  
July 9-2 Beats  
July 16-Grey Wolves  
July 23- Country Thunder  
July 30-RPM  
Aug 6-Foghorn Jazz  
Aug 13 Open Mic

Faculak will begin working on the rack cards and posters.

**Village Report:** Rasmussen reported that the sewer project has been jumpstarted with a different system plan. He believes it is headed in a good direction. He spoke with the owners of the Nugget about cleaning up the dilapidated building on their property. They are unwilling to gift the property to the village. He has spoken to GFL and Sommer Solutions and both are willing to help clean up the site for a minimal cost. He has yet to present the new plan to the owners. Local Veterans are not in favor of moving the tank. Rasmussen would still like to decorate the site with flags and a plaque that tells the story of the tank.

**Chairperson Report:** visitor guide book #21 is in the process of being produced. The chamber has joined Circle MI and she is working with them to make East Jordan, Ellsworth & the Breezeway a destination and/or mystery tour. She was on Z93 radio and promoted her partnership in the area during her 15 minute slot. The chamber dinner was a huge success. They have outgrown the boathouse, so will be holding next year's at the castle.

**Art Walk:** A committee was formed including Wallace, Sundelius & Student Rep Gabby Dimario (Wallace will ask Judy Worgess & Linda VanAndle, Jordan valley Art Center Members, if she would like to be on the committee). It is the Jordan Art Walk's 5<sup>th</sup> year. Their call for artists has gone out. They have 6 pieces that have not sold and could potentially be moved to our Art Walk to launch it. Faculak will let us know how to go about securing some of those pieces. The committee will develop a procedure plan for the Ellsworth Art Walk.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Randall, seconded by Wallace. The next regular meeting will be held March 31, 2025.

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on February 25, 2025

Submitted by Tina Sundelius

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Mary Faculak, Chairperson

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Date