

Minutes of the Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority
Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 7:30 am
Allendale Charter Hall

DDA Members present: Jerry Alkema, Jeremy Borgman, Tom Hovingh, Roger Rycenga, Ross Stevens, Tom Zuniga, Terry Vissers

DDA Members Absent: Steve Spriensma, Ryan Vander Graaf, Roger Modderman, Pierce Roon

Also Present: Bob Chapin and Bern Scholma

Jerry Alkema called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

1. Jerry gave opportunity for public comment. There was none.
2. A motion was made by Jeremy Borgman supported by Tom Zuniga to approve the December 15, 2015 meeting minutes. **Approved**
3. An update on amending the DDA Plan was discussed. A motion was made by Jeremy Borgman supported by Roger Rycenga to take the advice of the township attorney to keep the current plan and not amend it until the expiration date of December 31, 2024. **Approved**
4. The following officers were nominated and elected:
Jeremy Borgman nominated Jerry Alkema for Chairman. Supported by Roger Rycenga.-**Approved**
Roger Rycenga nominated Bernie Scholma for Secretary. Supported by Jerry Alkema.-**Approved**
Jerry Alkema nominated Terry Vissers for Treasurer. Supported by Tom Zuniga.-**Approved**
Ross Stevens nominated Jeremy Borgman for Vice Chairman. Supported by Tom Zuniga.-**Approved**
5. An industry luncheon for local manufacturers was discussed. A motion was made by Jeremy Borgman supported by Tom Zuniga to approve \$800 for this luncheon. **Approved**
6. The 2016 Budget was discussed.
7. The board members each thanked Roger Rycenga for his 30 year commitment to the DDA. A retirement open house was given in his honor directly after the meeting.
8. Jerry asked for public comment. There was none.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 am. The next meeting is scheduled February 16, 2016 at 7:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Kowalczyk
Acting recording secretary to the DDA board