CALL TO ORDER AND NOTATION OF QUORUM: President Brandt called the regular meeting of May 19, 2014, to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

ROLL CALL: President Harry Brandt, Trustees: Colleen Christensen, Karl Bahle, Rose Hollander, Richard Hylwa and Jim Munro. Absent: John Bumgardner
Village Staff Present: Wally Delamater & Dorothy Petroskey.
Guests: 32
Pledge of Allegiance recited.

PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AREA
President Brandt opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Brandt explained the function of the DDA as well as detailed how the capture from various entities would work should they decide not to opt out. Brandt stated that correspondence was received and it would be made part of the record.

Lois Bahle, 400 Broadway-Lois stated she was a chamber member and in 2002 the chamber approached the council about a DDA. Property values were rising and it was not the time for a DDA. She added that a DDA could do a lot of things that the Village could not do such as build a visitor center, bathrooms, street lighting, bike racks, and wireless for the downtown.

Kim Pontius 310 St Joseph Street: Kim stated his wife if the president of the Chamber and a vote was taken this afternoon with unanimous support for a DDA. He added that this area is prime for a DDA.

David Hansen: 102 Plum Street Hart. Dave agreed that the DDA was a great thing he is just not sure it is right for the Hansen Plaza. He does not feel that they are part of the downtown.

Sarge Begeman: 619 St Joseph Street. He stated that President Brandt spoke of declining property values. He stated his taxes keep going up. He does not feel the DDA should have residential properties within it. He wanted to know why certain residences were left out.

Will Bunek, 3161 S Maple Valley Road. Bunek stated that the executive committee talked about the DDA at the executive meeting last Tuesday. He stated that the commissioners are unsure about the DDA. Will added he believes that the commissioners will opt out. He also stated that they are concerned about the loss of millage for the seniors and maybe at a later date they will opt in.

Tom Kleinfelter 504 St Joseph Street: Stated he was concerned about an increase in taxes and he likes the quaint village atmosphere.

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Larry Mawby, 400 Broadway stated that as a business owner he is aware that property values are down. He supports the DDA even though his business will see no benefit. He believes it will be a positive economic impact for the village. He added all the taxing units will see the benefit.

Nancy Begeman asked someone to explain 125.1660 Taking, transfer, and use of private property and what it means.

Gus O’Brien, Hansen Plaza indicated that a letter was written on behalf of the Hansen Property owners and he was advised by his attorney to witness it being placed on the record.

President Brandt indicated that a letter was received from Dan Penning who represents Hansen I and Hansen II and they are requesting that they be excluded from the DDA districts.

**MOVE BY BAHLE SECOND BY HYLWA TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. BRANDT-YES, HOLLANDER-YES, CHRISTENSEN-YES, BAHLE-YES, MUNRO-YES, HYLWA-YES. AYES-6 NAYS-0, ABSENT-1 ABSTAINING-0 VACANCY-0 MOTION CARRIED**

Brandt stated that the public hearing begins the 60 day opt out period as required by law. The public hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.

President Brandt opened the regular meeting at 5:52 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Brandt indicated that the Visitor center has asked if the Village would allow them to use the old village hall this summer for the Visitor Center and he would like to add this as Item E.  **MOVE BY BAHLE SECOND BY MUNRO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. AYES-6, NAYS-0, ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANCY-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

**CONSENT AGENDA: MOVE BY CHRISTENSEN SECOND BY BAHLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. AYES-6 NAYS-0, ABSENT-1 ABSTAINING-0 VACANCY-0 MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
Minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting were presented.
**MOVE BY HYLWA SECOND BY MUNRO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2014 AS PRESENTED. AYES-6, NAYS-0, ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANCY-0. MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Law Enforcement Options:**

Harry indicated that each committee had reviewed and is recommending that the Village enter contract with the Sheriff Department. Harry added that at the Executive committee meeting, the Board of Commissioners requested a few minor changes to the contract. Council was May 19, 2014

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provided with a new copy of the contract with changes made to Article VIII as it relates to compensation and health care and a change made to the remittance office.

Richard Hylwa asked about the unemployment costs the village may have to absorb as well as raises set by Union.

**MOVE BY MUNRO SECOND BY HOLLANDER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AS PRESENTED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.**

AYES-6 NAYS-0, ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANY-0. MOTION CARRIED

B. **TITLE VI POLICY:**

The Village has recently been notified by Frannie Wintjen Civil Rights Program Compliance Technician that we do not have a Title VI Policy on file with the Department. A draft policy was provided to the Village which was then modified by the Village and approved by the Frannie Wintjen Civil Rights Program Compliance Technician. Compliance with federal and state civil rights regulations is mandatory.

**MOVE BY BAHLE SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN TO ADOPT THE TITLE VI POLICY AS PRESENTED.**

AYES-6 NAYS-0, ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANY-0. MOTION CARRIED

C. **Vehicle Purchase:**

Harry stated that the General Service committee is recommending the purchase a 2015 GMC Sierra 4X4. Harry noted that this is a budgeted item.

**MOVE BY CHRISTENSEN SECOND BY HYLWA TO PURCHASE THE 2015 GMC SIERRA 4X4 AS PRESENTED.**

AYES-6 NAYS-0, ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANY-0. MOTION CARRIED

D. **Vehicle Disposal:**

With the purchase of the new GMC, the general service committee is recommending that we sell the White Dodge with plow.

**MOVE BY HOLLANDER SECOND BY MUNRO TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF THE WHITE DODGE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.**

AYES-6 NAYS-0, ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANY-0. MOTION CARRIED

E. **Visitor Center:**

Harry indicated that the Visitor Center is requesting the use of the Old Village Hall for this summer. He added that it would only be temporary. The Village would need to come up with a lease agreement to provide all utilities were covered by the Center. The use would be limited to Memorial Day through October 31, 2014. Bahle recommended a 30 day opt out. Hollander asked about charging rent and if the village was allowed to by law. She was informed that the Village could but could not “make a profit” by doing so. Hollander asked if we would need to bring the building up to code. Hollander was advised that as long as no changes were made to the building they could use “as is”. Council discuss the drafting of the lease and agreed to have Visitor Center absorb those costs.

**MOVE BY HYLWA SECOND BY BAHLE TO ALLOW THE VISITOR CENTER TO MAY 19, 2014**

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USE THE OLD VILLAGE HALL FROM MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2014. Question called: AYES-5, NAYS-1, ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANCY-0

PAYMENT OF BILLS:
Bills were presented for payment.
MOVE BY BAHLE SECOND BY HYLWA TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AS PRESENTED. Question called: AYES-5, NAYS-0 ABSENT-1, ABSTAINING-0 VACANCY-0

GOOD OF THE ORDER- harry complemented the Village Staff on the audit as well as the hard work put into the DDA.

MANAGER’S REPORT- As presented.
PUBLIC COMMENT: Will Bunek invited the council to come to the meeting tomorrow night when they discuss the DDA.

Sharon Sutterfield asked about making improvements to the parking area on Adams between St Joseph and Front Street. She also asked the village to consider housing a Kayak storage/launch at North Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Petroskey, Village Clerk

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