



SDA

STOCKBRIDGE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting – 115 E. Elizabeth Street-

Stockbridge Township Meeting Room

Thursday, May 15, 2008 – 7:00 PM

“Unapproved” Minutes

7:24 CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR DR. ANNE HALE

- **ROLL CALL TAKEN - Present:** Chair Dr. Anne Hale, Vice Chair Jody Leatherberry, Secretary Annabell Howard, Treasurer Scott Spadafore; Member Doug Mills; and Clerk Linda Dancer **Absent:** Tom Lovachis, Matt Severson, Russell Mackinder. Also present interested citizens.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion** Annabell Howard, **support** Jody Leatherberry to approve agenda as amend – discussion; **verbal motion carries.**
- **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Motion** Jody Leatherberry, **support** Scott Spadafore to approve the minutes of April 15, 2008 as presented – no discussion; **verbal motion carries.**

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Motion** Jody Leatherberry, **support** Scott Spadafore to pay bills in the amount of \$32,468.17– discussion; **verbal motion carries.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **Executive Committee** – Met to set the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- **Dan Dancer** - Support SDDA in moving forward in hiring an Executive Officer. The Village and the SDDA will not always share the same goals, objectives and priorities. Recommend taking a look at Jody has already proven to be effective with prior work for the SDDA.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Letter from Jack Owen Attorney Regarding 122 South Clinton

REPORT OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING – Updates on Village Meeting of May 5, 2008

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Guidelines for Garden Project** – Molly ordered brackets and baskets. Baskets are being filled with geraniums – flower planters will be placed in front of businesses which business owners have agreed to care for themselves. Wooden cart is being constructed from used materials from a member and will be placed in front of the Old Hotel. Discussed watering of hanging baskets around square. Options discussed water tanks, prisoners, volunteer groups, etc. Annabell will look into an automated system being installed into Townships irrigation system.

2. **Minix Building Update:** Jody Leatherberry presented plan to reduce costs for demolition of Minix Building. Fair amount of value in salvage; ground could be used as is after the building is gone; put number of items for sale and/or auction; prisoners could be used for some of the labor. Key to savings is organization and a good project manager.
3. **Sidewalk Project:** Reviewed project for a walk-able community. Plans to complete sidewalk down South Clinton to Tin Roof, around the Ford dealership and eventually down to the Dollar General. Project will require the installation of a bridge.
4. **Administrative Appointment:** Dr. Hale expressed frustration with the experience of the Wood Street parking lot project costing 10% for a project manager whether it was really worth the money spent. SDDA Chair could help direct policy but we need someone working day to day to facilitate. Request to move forward at appointing someone to work as acting director. Recommend contracting to Jody Leatherberry as the Acting Director for 9-12 months to be able to move forward on the 3 current projects. Jody would resign from SDDA, budget can handle 25 hours at \$30-35 per hour. During the temporary months, plans to move forward on hiring a permanent Director would go through the search process.
5. **Disclosure Statements** - Reminder statements are due.
6. **SDDA T.I.F.D. Seat - Motion** Jody Leatherberry, **support** Scott Spadafore to bring forward to the Village Council for approval Kris Lauckner to fill the T.I.F.D. Resident seat – no discussion; verbal motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

SDDA ATTORNEY - Nothing further

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Doug Mills, **support Scott Spadafore** to adjourn.
Meeting closed 8:57 p.m.

Linda Dancer, Recorder
Annabell Howard, Secretary