

The Regular Meeting of the City of New Buffalo Downtown Development Authority for November 14, 2019 was called to order by Chair Kemper at 8:08 am in the Community Room at New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, MI 49117.

Present: Robert Kemper, DeeDee Duhn, Joe Lindsay, Doug Roch, Chad Gradowski, Pete Rahm, Jodi Sullivan

Absent: Mayor Lou O'Donnell, JV Peacock

City Staff Present: David Richards, Donna Schultz

Public Present: New Buffalo Times

Motion by Member Roch and seconded by Member Gradowski to approve the meeting agenda.

Voice vote unanimous 7-0, motion carried.

Motion by Member Roch and seconded by Member Duhn to approve September 12, 2019 minutes. **Voice vote 6-0**, motion carried. **Member Sullivan** abstained.

New Business: None

Public comments and submittals: None

Paving projects throughout the city: Chair Kemper stated the street paving is continuing very quickly and new streets look amazing. Dave Richards stated that all paving is finished with the exception of handicap curbs and sidewalks, which will be completed in the spring. Money will be withheld upon completion. Bridge construction is ongoing with completion of superstructure supports and guardrails. There will be a walkthrough next week. The bridge was **never closed** at any time during the summer construction which kept the busy traffic moving.

Chair Kemper stated they are working on EV charging stations and cell service additions. More information coming soon.

Parks/Harbor Commission: Chairman Kemper stated the City Council approved the new Parks/Harbor Commission with 5 new members appointed. The DDA would be interested in attending the next meeting. They will check the website for meeting dates and times.

Old Business:

Communication: Joe, Robert

Nothing to report.

Community Outreach: DeeDee & Jodi

One last push with businesses about beach survey.

Operations: Robert

Treasurer Report: Nothing to report.

Economic Development: JV, Doug and Chad

Motion by Chair Kemper to support the Golds Gym Property, **DEQ/EGLE grant**, seconded by **Member Duhn**, motion carried 7-0.

MDOT meeting regarding the road diet will be November 21, 2019.

Member Comments:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment: Motion by Member Joe Lindsay, seconded by Member Gradowski to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m., Voice vote unanimous 7-0, meeting adjourned.

Robert Kemper, Chairperson

Donna Schultz