

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**January 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting called to order by Board Treasurer Tim Hemenway at 8:03am.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call revealed the following DDA Board members present: Dave Cook, Tim Hemenway, Brett Patterson, Rich Thompson, and Ron Wilson. Also in attendance: City Manager Jason Eppler, Finance Director Chris Hyzer and DDA Director Linda Curtis.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INFORMATION**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Cook to approve the following:  
Minutes from the DDA meeting of November 16, 2016.  
Accounts Payables for the DDA:  
November 26, 2016 - December 25, 2016 in the amount of \$5,060.01.  
Accounts Payables for the Theatre:  
November 26, 2016 - December 25, 2016 in the amount of \$15,330.13.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE:** DDA Director's report attached to meeting documents.

**THEATRE REPORT:** Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson is currently on vacation – no report presented.

**BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

1. 2017 Election of Officers: It was moved by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Thompson to retain the current slate of officers for 2017.

Chairperson: Mike Kirgis  
Vice Chairperson: Brett Patterson  
Secretary: Rich Thompson  
Treasurer: Tim Hemenway

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Fireworks Display: Date and contractual agreement tabled until the February meeting. DDA Director Linda Curtis will set up a meeting with City Council member Paul Lentz and representatives from MelRose and also the same contractor used by the Ionia Free Fair. Discussion will include pricing, date availability and possible change of launch site location. The Rotary Club is considering moving the Uncle Sam Jam to the fairground's infield.

**OTHER:**

1. Wayfinding Project: Meeting to be set with committee and contractor in January.
2. DDA window and door project: Will begin once weather becomes warmer.
3. DDA Centennial Award: Plaque ordered and will be presented in February to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Michaels.
4. Berger property has been cleared. DDA portion of contractual agreement will be paid accordingly in the amount of \$10,000.
5. The Virtual School will be re-locating to the Middle School. This will allow for easier access by students.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50am.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rich Thompson, Secretary  
Linda Curtis, DDA Director