

- CALL TO ORDER:** The Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 8:10am.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** It was mentioned during open discussion that several recent DDA Board meetings failed to reach quorum resulting in no decisions being taken on several action items. The DDA will reach out to Mayor Balice to discuss board member appointments. Project Rising Tide Fellow Robin Suomi provided an update on programs and committee progress on assignments.
- ROLL CALL:** Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Dave Cook, Tim Hemenway and Paul Lentz. Guests included John Krueger / Ionia Lock & Key, PRT Fellow Robin Suomi, Heather Sizemore / The Jewel Box, Chamber Director / Kat Reed, Finance Director Chris Hyzer, and DDA Director Linda Curtis.
A quorum was not present – all action items to be tabled until October Board meeting.
- BI-ANNUAL REPORT:** A Bi-Annual Report was provided to Board member and guests as required by the Tax Increment Financing Act – Act 57 of 2018. The report completes the “informational meetings” portion for the purpose of informing the public of the goals, direction of the Authority, including projects to be undertaken in the coming year (as noted by the Michigan Downtown Association).
- CONSENT AGENDA:** All items tabled and will be placed on the October 2019 meeting agenda.
- DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE:** DDA Director’s report for the months of August / September 2019 attached.
- THEATRE REPORT:** No report.
- BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:** All items tabled.
1. 2020 / 2012 Ionia Fireworks Display contract: Melrose Pyrotechnics has provided the opportunity for the Ionia DDA to lock into a 2 year agreement that would keep the costs of the display at \$12,000 for each of the years. The Board will determine the 2020 and 2021 event dates at the September meeting. City Manager recommended we speak with the Rotary Club to discuss options before making a final decision.
 2. Farmers’ Market policies regarding CDB products.
 3. Theatre façade repairs. Grant options.
- OTHER:**
1. Mural update: Artist Larry Lathrop is relocating.
 2. New businesses on Main Street include: Market on Main, Cook & Co., and Izzy’s Barber Shop – opening soon.
- ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30AM.