

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH ST. WEST BRANCH, MI ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 22, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Samantha Fabbri at 12:05 pm.

Present: Joanne Bennett, Samantha Fabbri, Autum Hunter, Sandy Rabidue, Erin Resteiner
(arrived at 12:15p), Ken Walters, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: Joe Clark.

Others present: Acting Secretary/City Manager John Dantzer

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**MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY HUNTER, TO EXCUSE MEMBER CLARK FROM
THE MEETING.**

Yes – Bennett, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, Walters, Zimmerman
No – None Absent – Clark, Resteiner Motion carried.

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As an addition to the agenda, a board application was submitted from Alan Bruder to fill
the open seat.

**MOTION BY RABIDUE, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATION OF ALAN BRUDER TO THE DDA BOARD.**

Yes – Bennett, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, Walters, Zimmerman
No – None Absent – Clark, Resteiner Motion carried.

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**MOTION BY RABIDUE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
FROM THE MEETING HELD JULY 25, 2023.**

Yes – Bennett, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, Walters, Zimmerman
No – None Absent – Clark, Resteiner Motion carried

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**MOTION BY RABIDUE, SECOND BY FABBRI, TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$3,005.00**

Yes – Bennett, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Clark, Resteiner

Motion carried

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Member Rabidue discussed flower options for the 2024 season and it was noted they may want to look into some type of fall flowers if the downtown road reconstruction is done and the downtown is open back up so it looks nice. It was the consensus to have Member Rabidue look into options and plan for cost of the flowers in the next budget.

Member Hunter brought up her concern for allowing downtown light decorations once the new light poles were installed. It was the consensus of the Board to not allow light pole decorations once the new light poles are installed in order to keep the poles looking nice.

Member Walters updated the Board on the MDOT informational meeting that was held on Monday, August 21.

Member Walters also noted they may need to start looking into purchasing new banners so they have them when the new light poles are installed.

The Treasures report was submitted.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.