

Sparta Downtown Development Authority  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017  
156 E. DIVISION STREET, SPARTA, MI 49345

Meeting called to order at 7:51 am by Cheslek.

Members present: Freeland, Cheslek, Baker, Nickels, Benham, Brown,

Also Present: Morse, Suchy, Brenda Braybrook, Kelly Paiz, Dave Kieft, Deanna Brown

Absent: Jacobsen, Dougan, Jacobsen, Potter, Lamb, Potes

Motion by Benham, second by Freeland to approve the Minutes of the JULY 11, 2017. All Approved.

Motion by Freeland, second by Baker to approve the finance report. All approved.

**Public Comment - None**

Deanna Brown, 133 E. Division/Cellar Brewing Co: Request for DDA to champion new signage and update the ordinance for special occasions for their feather signs which are currently are restricted by the sign ordinance. Seeking a special events sign that they can put up for special events. Brown invited

Dave Kieft, 203 E. Division / Ridgetown Grub: Seeking an opportunity for special events signage in the CBD.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

- A. Motion by Freeland, second by Baker to approve a \$50,000 budget for the renovation costs of the 194 E. Division office for the committee to utilize to garner in kind donations. Freeland, yes; Baker, yes; Benham, yes; Brown, yes; Nickels, yes, Cheslek, yes. Motion approved 6-0.
- B. Motion from Brown, second by Freeland to approve contract with Hospitality and Events Coordinator Rebecca Wildeboer. Freeland, yes; Baker, yes; Benham, yes; Brown, yes; Nickels, yes, Cheslek, yes. Motion approved 6-0.

**Executive Session** None.

**Business Director Report** – included in packet

**Public Comment/ Announcements**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by executive privilege at 8:46 am. Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Morse