

**Fenton  
Downtown  
Development  
Authority**

**FENTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
PROCEEDINGS**

Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
Electronic and Telephonic Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Strayer at 6:00 pm

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Bertschy (Linden), Green (Fenton), Henderson (Fenton), James (Jensen Beach, FL), Osborn (Fenton), Owocki (Fenton), Penwell (Fenton), Ricketts (Fenton) (*in at 6:21*), Strayer (Fenton)

**ABSENT:** Andrysiak (*excused*), Schmidt (*excused*), Steffey

**OTHERS:** Michael Hart, DDA Director/Assistant City Manager;  
Lynn Markland, City Manager; Jon Satkowiak, Treasurer  
Kendall O'Connor, Legal Counsel Associate  
Denise Coole, Recording Secretary

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Hart said one item to update tonight.

An automobile hit the lighted Fenton sign on the west side of the City, off Silver Lake Rd. Hart has been working with Jim Niestroy at Bill Carr Signs. The monument will be relocated, and the sign will be taken to shop. Further update will follow.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Satkowiak reviewed the financial report from the packet. The Debt Statement payments will be made the end of March.

Motion by Osborn and Supported by James to approve the financial report.

**YEAS:** Bertschy, Green, Henderson, James, Osborn, Owocki, Penwell,  
Strayer

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Andrysiak, Schmidt, Steffey

**Motion was carried by Roll Call Vote**

inquire about capping a business and there is nothing set up for that. Hart said it does depend on the cost of services at various businesses, which can be thousands of dollars versus the cost of a restaurant meal. Markland said he and Hart are also concerned over the statistics and will be looking deeper into the analytics before the March meeting. Markland said they will investigate tweaking the program, adding it would be difficult to change it now before the cards expire but going forward changes may be made.

Bertschy added that many businesses are still receiving funding from the Government.

The Board thanked Mills for her participation.

### **DIBBLEVILLE MERCHANTS GRANT REQUEST FOR “WITCHES NIGHT OUT” & “LADIES NIGHT OUT”**

Brenda Hasse reported that “Witches Night Out” in 2020 was amazing with good weather and record sales for the bookstore. The Street Experience added to the night, bringing families down to walk the town. Over 325 bags were handed out at the bookstore. People conformed to COVID-19 rules as did Merchants. Hasse said “Ladies Night Out” was good as well, though the weather was cold and rainy. It was a successful event and had the same standards due to COVID-19 regulations.

Hart appreciated the hard work Hasse, and Karen Piacentini, put into these events and said they did a great job. Hart read the recommendation to approve the grant applications by the Dibbleville Merchants for running the 2021 Witches Night Out & Ladies Night Out with an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for each event.

Motion by Osborn and Supported by Owocki to approve the recommendation as presented.

YEAS: Bertschy, Green, Henderson, James, Osborn, Owocki, Penwell, Ricketts, Strayer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Andrysiak, Schmidt, Steffey

**Motion was carried by Roll Call Vote**

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE - None**

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Owocki said he would like the Board to see a monthly summary statement assessing the specifics of businesses in the DDA. Strayer said those summaries have been sent periodically since he has been on the Board. Owocki would like updates on properties, such as 111 Leroy St.

Markland advised that at 111 Leroy St., the 1<sup>st</sup> floor has been spoken for, but no information has been given yet.

Markland said he emailed with Bertschy today regarding businesses in the community. Markland said they are looking for information from businesses, regarding the impact that COVID-19 has had on the community.

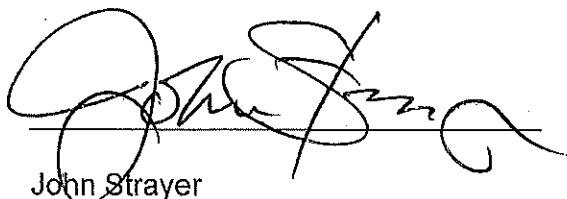
Hart added that any inquiries are welcome from Board Members, and they will be glad to provide answers whenever possible.

Strayer commented about the roundabout at Beal St. and Sunoco and congratulated those responsible. Strayer said he has heard nothing negative about the roundabout, only good comments. Owocki agreed that the roundabout is efficient and was a brilliant move.

Green reported that his business is moving 2 blocks north, next to The Cheese Lady. His current building will have two restaurants, one on the main floor and one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The Board congratulated Green.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm



John Strayer  
DDA Vice-Chairman



Denise Coole  
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 3/16/21