

REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
HIGHLAND MAIN STREET BUREAU (Sec.14.15)

MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting called to order 6:33

Present: Alex Robertson, President, Renee Reinhart, Vice President, Diane Barr-Roumbus, James Roumbus, Sandy McKnight, Ben Reinhart.

Also present: Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director, Susan Hale Asst. Director

Mr. Roumbus, moved that the Main Street Organization make a Statement that it does not condone in any way shape or form antisemitism, racism, sexism of any sort and we do not wish to participate with those type of people and that we fully support Councilwoman, Toya Smith. Diane Barr-Roumbus, seconded that motion with amendment that, Alex Robertson making that statement as the Main Street President. (this was in reference to a zoom incident at a recent Town Council meeting)

Discussion was held in reference to having decorative lighting for Highway & Jewett.

Maria explained that she did request 2 quotes.

A local company from Highland, named Illumination, could not provide a quote in such a short time frame & they would require a 3-year contract.

The second company from Cedar Lake, Illumin8outdoor did provide detailed pricing with the pictures that were sent of the areas on Jewett and Highway. Each tree just for the bottom area ranged from \$500 - \$1,500 per tree, which is too much for the funds that are available in the Main Street line item. Much discussion was held on ideas and different ways to get the lights purchased and installed.

Motion: Renee Reinhart made a motion to spend no more than \$200 from the community garden for the Christmas trees. The motion was seconded by Ben Reinhart, and unanimously approved to.

Susan Hale, briefly checked with Mark Herak, Clerk Treasurer, who said if the motion is made in tonight's minutes, the funds can be encumbered.

Motion: Renee Reinhart, made a **motion** to encumber the funds in line item #2216-0000-20004 in the amount of \$3,500, seconded by Ben Reinhart, and unanimously approved.

Motion: Renee Reinhart, made a motion to encumber the funds from line item #2216-0000-39030 in the amount of \$3,580. Motion seconded by Sandy McKnight, and unanimously approved.

No other comments.

Motion: was made by Renee Reinhart to adjourn, seconded by Ben Reinhart, all were in favor.
7:58 P.M.