



Evart Downtown Development Authority

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EVART DDA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2026

Community Room at The Depot

200 S. Main St. Evart, MI 49631

1. Meeting called to order by Bengry at 8:01 a.m.
2. Attendance:
Present: Alan Bengry, Lynn Salinas, Brian Youngs, Cory Juliano, Dan Boyer, Pepper Lockhart, Mark Sochocki
Also present: Todd Bruggema, Angela Hunter
Absent: Gary Hartsock
3. Introduction of guests: Leigh Young, Laura Krizof
4. Citizen comments-None
5. Approval of Agenda- Moved by Youngs, supported by Sochocki to add approval of special meeting minutes to the agenda.
Ayes: 8
Nays: 0
Results: Carried
6. Approval of Minutes of the May 12th, 2026 regular meeting and minutes of the June 3, 2026 special meeting. Moved by Salinas, Supported by Lockhart
Ayes: 8
Nays: 0
Results: Carried
7. Approval of Vendor's List in the amount of \$714.30 for the DDA and \$500.00 for the farmer's market – Moved by Lockhart, Supported by Youngs
Ayes: 8
Nays: 0
Results: Carried
8. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Salinas reported that a TIF deposit was received from the State of Michigan. It was deposited into the Farmer's Market account, but has been transferred into the DDA account.
9. President's Remarks: None
10. Committee Updates
Economic Vitality and Design
 - a. Farmer's Market –Opening day is June 13th. 38 vendors are signed up to participate. Corewell Health will provide coupons. Angela purchase cutting boards and produce bags with the grant funds. DUFb will be a \$50 match again, The market has been nominated for a Best of Michigan award. It was suggested that a contact be made with the Pioneer for some additional publicity for the market.
 - b. Pop-Up Building – Bruggema reported that he is meeting with the renters today, they may be moving to the Farmer's Market for the summer season.

- c. 101 S. Main St. Sochocki reported that the application has been filed with the MEDC and that the fire suppression main and new water line have been installed

Promotion and Organization

- a. DDA Board Recruiting – Still one seat open-need a business owner or DDA resident to fill the vacancy
- b. Volunteers

11. Old Business:

- a. Communication plan follow up.
- b. MMS Strategic Plan review-Leigh and Laura were present from MMS to go over our Strategic plan document. Leigh made several recommendations about the plan including prioritization of projects, development of work plans, creation of committees, and adding monthly reviews to the regular agenda.

12. New Business:

- a. See My Legacy software program-Bruggema presented an opportunity to participate with this new program to publicize events as well as other promotional activities. He suggested we seek a partnership with additional entities to share the costs and increase the value. He will approach another group to gauge their interest in participation. The full year cost is \$1,200.
- b. Interlocal agreement between the DDA and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Moved by Salinas, supported by Youngs to approve the Interlocal agreement as amended

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- c. Reimbursement agreement for the B.R.A. for Evart Apartments Project and 101 South Main Street.

Moved by Sochocki, supported by Salinas to approve the Reimbursement Agreement as amended with a correction in paragraph 11.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

- 13. Director's Comments: Street party is scheduled for June 27th from 6 to 9 pm at the corner of 6th and Main streets. There will be a public reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8th at 6 pm at the depot, Josh Johnson will have several students there to participate.
- 14. City Manager Comments-MDOT project is ahead of schedule, some local paving projects are completed, Reed City area chamber has taken some photos to use in a guide to Osceola county.

15. Adjournment.-Moved by Salinas, supported by Lockhart to adjourn.:

Ayes:8

Nays: 0

Results: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Submitted by Alan Bengry