

# City of Iron Mountain

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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Moraska, Alessandrini, Corombos, Villa & Farragh

Absent: Council Member Jacobetti

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

## Approval of Agenda

Stanchina asked that "Approval of Grant Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant" and "Approval of DDA Millage Renewal" be added as items number nine and ten, respectively, under New Business.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda, as amended.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## Approval of Minutes

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 8, 2013*

Stanchina clarified the outcome of the sandwich board regulation discussion.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Farragh to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2013, as prepared.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Budget Workshop of April 9, 2013*

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2013, as prepared.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013*

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Rosen to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2013, as prepared.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

## Public Comment

*Mike Nicometo – 427 S. Stephenson Avenue*

He reported on the status of the Downtown Development Authority's upcoming beautification program. Nicometo conveyed his support for the continuation of the Downtown Development Authority millage.

## Old Business

### **Bid Opening Re: City Park Restroom**

Stanchina opened the following bids:

#### *Restroom*

Zawada Construction –Niagara, WI \$57,750

Lefebre Holdings – Iron Mountain, MI \$46,235

#### *Trails, Roads and Pond*

Bacco Construction-Iron Mountain, MI \$221,560

**Referred to Staff for Review**

## New Business

### **Approval of a Contribution for Lake Antoine Eurasian Milfoil Treatment**

Stanchina recommended that a contribution of \$3,500 be made toward the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil at Lake Antoine. He discouraged the requested donation of \$5,000 by the Lake Antoine Association due to budget constraints.

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It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve a contribution in the amount of \$3,500 to the Lake Antoine Association for the treatment of Eurasian Milfoil.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of One Day Liquor License Re: Bishop Baraga Heritage Festival**

Stanchina presented a request for a one day liquor license by the Bishop Baraga Catholic School on May 25, 2013.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Moraska to approve a request for a one day liquor license by the Bishop Baraga Catholic School on May 25, 2013, contingent upon the City being named as an insured interest on the liquor license insurance.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Noise Ordinance Waiver Re: Relay for Life**

Stanchina outlined the request by Relay for Life to waive the noise ordinance on June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to approve a noise ordinance waiver for Relay for Life on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Consultant Re: Water System Study**

Stanchina communicated the opinion that Coleman Engineering should be chosen over G.E.I. Consultants due to Coleman's fresh perspective.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to award the Water System Study to Coleman Engineering at a cost of \$13,988.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Pay Estimate #3 Re: Oberstar Inc.**

Stanchina relayed that Oberstar be paid \$28,770.95 for the 25 Location Project and that \$6,500 be held until restoration activities are complete. The Council concluded that Oberstar be paid \$25,000 for the 25 Location Project and that \$10,270.95 be held until restoration activities are complete.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Memorial Day Parade Route**

Stanchina raised the request by the Office of Veteran's Affairs to close US 2 for their annual Memorial Day Parade.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Villa to approve the closure of US 2 on May 27, 2013, for the annual Memorial Day Parade, as requested.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Cost Sharing Agreement with MDOT Re: US2 and H Street**

Stanchina detailed the proposed intersection improvements at H Street and US 2 and the impact the improvements will have on the current cost sharing agreement for that intersection. He estimated that the annual electric cost for this intersection will be \$312.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the cost sharing agreement with MDOT regarding the intersection of US2 and H Street, as submitted.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority Re: Debbie Gursky**

Stanchina noted that Debbie Gursky would be filling the recent vacancy created by Linnea Marchetti's resignation.

It was moved by Villa and supported by Moraska to appoint Debbie Gursky to the DDA for a term to expire on April 4, 2014.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of Grant Extension Re: MDNR Trust Fund Grant**

Stanchina explained that the completion date of the MDNR Trust Fund Grant may not be extended for longer than 6 months at one time. He offered the idea that additional extensions may be requested as long as forward process occurs.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Alessandrini to approve an amendment to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Project Agreement to include a completion date of November 1, 2013.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

### **Approval of DDA Millage Renewal**

Stanchina informed the City Council that the Downtown Development Authority millage needs to be renewed if a DDA levy is to be collected in the upcoming tax season. Rosen voiced his support for the DDA's efforts. Alessandrini imparted the idea of increasing the millage to 1.75 mills. It was concluded that a 1.5 mill levy would be optimal.

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It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to approve the renewal of the DDA millage at a rate of 1.5 mills for a period of three years.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

**Reports**

**Financial Reports**

**Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report**

Stanchina clarified the high level of Police Department overtime and increased maintenance costs for rail road crossings.

**City Manager Reports**

Stanchina reported that the City of Norway has been added to the pool of agencies and jurisdictions that share in the biennially awarded Small Urban funds in the amount of \$375,000, resulting in a per capita decrease.

Stanchina conveyed that the City Assessor may have to attend a tax tribunal regarding an appeal by G.E. Capital. He outlined the potential ramifications of her not attending the hearing.

Stanchina announced the hours of the rubbish pickup.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the cleanup status of Cemetery Park.

**City Attorney Reports**

None

**Committee Reports**

Rosen offered a Consolidated Services Committee report.

The Parks and Recreation Committee decided that a meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss City Park improvement plans.

**Public Comment**

*Katie Maxon – 1300 Grand Boulevard Circle*

She thanked the City for removing snow from the sidewalks on the safe routes to school route. Maxon noted that sidewalk utilization increased as a result of the sidewalks being cleared.

**Council Member Privilege**

Villa asked for an update on the rental inspections.

Moraska stressed the importance of the Police Chief attending an upcoming fallen officer's ceremony in Norway. He reported on the Bishop Baraga Catholic School drop off situation and forwarded a suggestion that a drop off lane be developed in front of the school.

Stanchina urged the City Council to attend the upcoming Michigan Municipal League event in Bessemer.

Alessandrini urged concerns citizens to call City Hall when questions and concerns arise.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Rosen and supported by Alessandrini to adjourn.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer