

HERMANTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 27, 2020

5:00 p.m.

**MEETING CONDUCTED IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Geissler, Haapanen, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher

**CITY STAFF:** John Mulder, City Administrator; Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Steve Overom, City Attorney

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Reno

**VISITORS:**

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the April 23, 2020 Hermantown Economic Development Authority minutes. Motion carried.

**MOTIONS**

Motion made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Geissler to establish the amount of bond at \$300,000 required to be provided by the treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Geissler to approve a report to the City. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Haapanen to approve for submission to the City Council a budget for the succeeding year of HEDA. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Geissler, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve a report to the City Council on the Enabling Resolution. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Geissler to appoint depositories.

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Geissler to approve an audit to submit to the City Council.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**2020-03H**      Resolution Approving An Agreement For Professional Consulting Services With ICS Consulting, Inc. For The Total Consideration Of \$24,000.00

John Mulder suggested that two City Council members be identified to be on a Task Force for the Community Recreation Initiative. Natalie Peterson and Wayne Boucher were discussed as possible members of the Task Force.

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Geissler to adopt Resolution 2020-03H, Resolution Approving An Agreement For Professional Consulting Services With ICS Consulting, Inc. For The Total Consideration Of \$24,000.00. Roll Call: Commissioners Geissler, Haapanen, Nelson, Peterson, Reno, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

## **WORK SESSION**

Update on Sale of 5028 Miller Trunk Hwy: We have asked Greg Follmer to reach out to Little Einstein's for a progress report on the purchase of the property. By the time of the meeting, we have not had a report back.

Discussion on Strategic Planning Effort: The Commission discussed when to begin the strategic planning effort. This has been delayed over the summer due to the pandemic and wanting to conduct the meetings in person. With the resignation of Kristi Schmidt, there are only 4 Council members. The Commission decided to wait until a 5<sup>th</sup> councilor is appointed/elected.

John Mulder gave a brief update on a possible conduit financing opportunity, a road improvement strategy at Lavaque and Hwy 53, improvements in the Hermantown Marketplace, housing opportunities at Engwalls, and other possible economic development activities. The Commission suggested a possible tour of the Marketplace developments after the

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Geissler to recess the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Recorded by:

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John Mulder, Executive Director

Transcribed by:

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Bonnie Engseth, City Clerk