

**Village of Baldwin
Downtown Development Authority
January 12, 2023, Minutes
Special Meeting
(approved)**

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Chairperson Jane Allison called the Meeting to order at 3:06 PM with board members:

Present: Tony Gagliardo, Lamont Hill, Jane Allison, Darci Maldonado, Debbie Smith-Olson, Jim Truxton, Seth Wenger

Absent: Dave Lewellyn, Jason Shoemaker

Staff: Robert Toland, DDA Director

Acknowledgment of Visitors: none

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Darci Maldonado and supported by Lamont Hill. Motion carried.

B. **Payment of Bills:** Debbie Smith-Olson presented bills for payment.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Consumers Energy	\$	80.14 (streetlights)
Robert Toland Consulting	\$	1,200.00 (retainer & meeting)
Precision Concrete	\$	6,962.00 (sidewalk trip hazard removal)
Rockford Advertising	\$	771.64 (advertisement)
Fishbeck	\$	4,269.64 (contractor supervision)
<u>Village of Baldwin</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>606.18 (water bills)</u>
Total bills	\$	13,889.60

A motion to pay the bills was made by Seth Wenger and supported by Jim Truxton. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

A. **County Land Bank Blight Grant:** Jane Allison discussed the blight grant available from Lake County with \$200,000 to be used toward demolition of blighted buildings, but the property must be under the control of the applicant. Jane presented a purchase agreement between the DDA and the owners of 902 Michigan that has been negotiated with the property owners with the assistance of the village attorney. The purchase agreement must be signed by Friday,

January 20, 2023, so that the grant application can be made before its due date of January 31, 2023. A motion to approve the purchase agreement in the amount of \$65,000 and authorizing Jane Allison to be signatory, was made by Debbie Smith-Olson and supported by Seth Wenger. Motion carried by roll call vote. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was offered by Darci Maldonado and supported by Seth Wenger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

Meeting Schedule: The regular DDA meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023, has been cancelled. The next regular DDA meeting will be held February 16, 2023, at the Village office at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Toland, Director
for
Deborah Smith-Olson, Secretary/Treasurer