



**Village of Edmore/DDA
County of Montcalm
Agenda March 21, 2024
Curtis Community Building
8:30 AM**

1. Roll call: Present - Burr, Callow, Halsey, VanderVeen
Not Present – Jordan, Brown, Randall
2. Approval of the agenda for the March 21, 2024, meeting. Motion by Burr.
2nd by Callow Vote: 4 Yes 0 No
3. Public Comments - None
4. New Business-
 - a. Review proposal for landscaping services for the downtown planter pots. Ed Higbee from Higbee Landscaping here for Q&A.
DDA Board reviewed proposals from Higbee Landscaping for plants in the downtown Planter Pots and for 5 new trees to be planted in the vacant tree planter spots in the downtown sidewalks. Discussion ensued with Ed answering questions. Planter pots to remain downtown year-round with spring/summer plantings replaced by fall/winter plantings. **Motion made to accept both proposals and add \$100/tree box in the sidewalk for planting flowers. \$5680 approved for planter pots including lights and fall/winter arrangements, \$3750 approved for planting and maintaining five new trees, \$3600 for flowers in each of the 36 tree boxes. Total approved=\$13,030. Motion by Callow, Seconded by Burr. Voice vote- 4 Yes, 0 No**
 - b. Review proposal for tree trimming the downtown trees as submitted by Woodland Tree Services. Lucas Drews, Arborist submitted the proposal.
Tree trimming proposal was reviewed and discussed. Borden informed the DDA Board that the proposal was for \$2080 for complete trimming, not \$2080 per day as originally proposed. Lucas Drews confirmed this rate/new proposal via email. **Motion by VanderVeen, seconded by**

Callow, to accept the proposal of \$2080 from Woodland Tree Services for trimming the downtown trees. Voice vote- 4 Yes, 0 No.

c. Discuss tax capture.

Discussion pertaining to the current tax capture for the DDA. The current tax capture rate is 60%. The DDA would like the Village Council to consider changing this rate to 100%. Tracy Sanchez, Village Finance Director, explained the entities from which the tax capture is captured. Montcalm County, Home Township, Montcalm Community College, Village of Edmore. **Motion by VanderVeen, seconded by Callow to formally request the Village Council to increase the tax capture percentage from 60% to 100%. Voice vote- 4 Yes, 0 No. Request to be presented to council at the April 8, 2024, Council Meeting.**

5. Motion to adjourn. Motion by VanderVeen, 2nd by Callow.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No