



**Village of Edmore/DDA  
County of Montcalm  
Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2024  
Curtis Community Building  
8:30 AM**

1. Roll call: Jordan, Brown, Burr, Callow, Halsey, Randall, VanderVeen  
Present: Jordan, Burr, Callow, Halsey, Randall  
Absent: Brown, VanderVeen
2. Approval of the agenda for the April 12, 2024 meeting. Motion by Burr .  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Callow . Vote: 5 Yes 0 No
3. Public Comments  
None
4. New Business-
  - a. Review proposal for landscaping services for the downtown planter pots.  
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. Questions about maintenance and replacement of plants that die. Board wants assurance from Higbee to replace plants that die. 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 Halsey. Voice vote- 5 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. Discussion ensued over the timing of the tree trimming. **Motion by Halsey, seconded by Jordan, to accept the proposal of \$2080 from Woodland Tree Services for trimming the downtown trees. Voice vote- 5 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%. Discussion on reasons why the council voted this down at the April council meeting. **Motion by Callow, seconded by Randall to formally request the Village Council begin the process to increase the tax capture percentage from 60% to 100%. Voice vote- 5 Yes, 0 No. Request to be presented to council at the May 13, 2024, Council Meeting.**

5. Motion to adjourn. Motion by Callow. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan.  
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No