

**Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority**  
Meeting **Minutes**  
September 17, 2024  
Grant Township Hall  
220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918  
906-289-4292

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

**Present:** Meg North, Dan Wiersgalla, Staci Gibson, Mike Musiel, Kirk Filsinger, Sam Raymond, Ed Tulppo

**Absent:** Art Davis, Don Kauppi, Greg Mielcarz, (Greg Lis – Treasurer) Zoom: 0

**Motion to Approve** September 17 ,2024 Agenda

Put forward by Dan W., seconded by Ed T., Motion carried unanimously

**Motion to Approve** August 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Amend Mike “Musial” to “Musiel”. No other amendments.

Put forth by Staci G, seconded by Don K, Motion carried unanimously

**Treasurer’s Report**

DDA Fund Balance (As of 9/10/24) - \$98,387.72

**Old Business**

1. Officially recognize resignation of Misty Filsinger from the DDA as both Treasurer and Secretary. Put forth by Meg N., seconded by Staci G. Motion carried unanimously.

2. MSU Extension – First Impressions Team (FIT). Guest – Will Cronin  
- All FIT visits to Copper Harbor have taken place. MSU Extension is in the process of debriefing and compiling the information.  
- DDA to host the Community Report Forum (lead by Will C.) on Thursday October 10 from 6:00-8:30pm at the Grant Township Hall to share the results with the community, followed by a Q&A session.  
- DDA will help to promote the event; Meg N. will take the lead.  
- Pizza, chili & cornbread will be provided for attendees

3. Fort Wilkins Trail Upgrade

- Hendrickson bid/proposal reviewed and compared with that previously submitted by Rock Solid  
- Both bids are in the ball park of each other.  
- DDA to look into collaboration (CHTC in particular) and grant opportunities over the fall and winter with the intention of lining up a contractor for the project early in the spring of 2025.

**New Business**

1. “Corner Lots” bathroom & parking area development

- After receiving an initial proposal from OHM Engineers to develop a conceptual map/plan for the parcel to help to better determine the feasibility of affordable housing and water well(s)

development while still supporting the parking initiative, the Housing Committee recommended at its September meeting to request a much less detailed “conceptual map” from OHM.  
- Discussion tabled until more information is available

**Adjourn:** 7:10pm Staci G.put forth motion, Meg N. seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Approved