

**Village of Howard City
Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2021**

Members Present: Campbell, Baker, VanWagner, Kilts, Parker

Members Absent with Notice: Roesly, Heckman, MacTavish

Members Absent without Notice: None

Others Present: Falcon and Kuzmik

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Motion by Kilts seconded by VanWagner to approve the February 2, 2021, minutes. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

No public comment.

Motion by Parker seconded by VanWagner to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

No old businesses.

Marilyn Hummel informed the board that she is helping to organize the Howard City Music Celebration scheduled for August 7, 2021. She also informed the board of the open mic nights that are scheduled on Thursday nights. Mr. Falcon thanked Ms. Hummel for all she is doing to help promote the downtown businesses and stated the Village of Howard City should also be listed as a donor on the newsletters for all the services provided by the Village. Mr. VanWagner also stated the Harvest Festival should also be listed as an event on the newsletter.

Motion by Parker seconded by Kilts to approve the façade grant application from The Bricks LLC once receipts have been submitted to Mr. Falcon. Mr. Baker requested further discussion. Amended motion by Parker seconded by VanWagner to approve The Bricks LLC façade grant application in which the owner will receive half of the amount spent on materials only, up to \$5,000.00 maximum, as of December 1, 2021, with receipts provided for all materials. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

No public comment.

Mr. Falcon informed the board that Don Veltman, Howard City Lanes, will be holding a celebration on July 3, 2021, in which main street will be blocked off from the Post Office to White Street. There is a new nail salon opening downtown. There are a couple of houses going up in the Village and Township areas which is encouraging. The Village will be blocking off main street every Thursday night for music in the street. Mr. Pease received his plaque for years of service to the DDA. Businesses are beginning to open back up again slowly. The Village Council approved upholding the Village ordinance regarding business permits, and we are beginning to require a permit from every business in the Village that is to be renewed yearly.

Tom Parker stated he has purchased Pease Insurance Agency and will be combining both businesses and will be Droski Insurance. He will also be keeping all staff employed.

Motion by Kilts seconded by Parker to adjourn the meet at 8:53 am. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Michael Falcon, Executive Director

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk