

**REGULAR DDA MINUTES**  
**September 26, 2012**  
**5:00 PM**

Jack Smith called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

**Present:** Chairman Jack Smith, Mary Stanton, Teresa Bonifield and Jessica Bills.

**Absent:** Cindy Paletis, Ed Smith, and Tom Sawdey

**Also Present:** Manager, Douglas Terry and Clerk, Susan Ballinger

**Approval of Minutes** –Teresa moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2012 Regular Meeting, supported by Jessica. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jessica moved to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of 4,315.00seconded by Mary. Motion Carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Promotion for Hawthorne Heights-** Jack stated that he has met Mid Star Home Builders, out of Jonesville. Mid Star have had record sales in the last two years and they want to develop a market piece to take to the factory's and they will incorporate the lots prices in their marketing. Mid Star is putting a packet together and once Jack receives a copy of this he will bring this to the board for their review.

Mary asked if there was any new information on the Nursing Center. Jack stated that a couple of ladies happen to be exiting the manor yesterday and informed Jack they were looking into the possibility of a substance abuse center. Manager, Terry stated that he showed the building about a week ago to a non-profit group. This group was looking at the building as place for people who are homeless and trying to put their lives back together by training or something. The building has an institutional kitchen where maybe there could be some culinary classes taught or things like that; Manager, Terry stated that in 2007 the facility was shut down. The city made sure the building was winterized to help preserve the building. The building does not have a traditional ventilation system and the air does not circulate properly, which creates an incubator for mold. Beal bank paid approximately \$80,000 to have the building redone. We want whatever goes into that building to be an asset to our city, we've asked Hillsdale Hospital to help us find someone to occupy the building. The Hillsdale Hospital has a non-compete clause with the other nursing facilities. The city is sending letters out to have the building turned into an assisted living center, which closely resembles what the city once had and will serve our community well. Mary asked if TIFA could get involved somehow with the building. Manager, Terry stated if a clinic got involved, I believe TIFA could legally get involved, because a clinic could provide services for the community in the Industrial Park.

**New Businesses:**

**Wade Electro quote for SCD Festival** – (Music)- Jack has contacted Wade Electro to see if they can install an electric box on a pole next to the stage of some kind during Sweet Corn Days for the purpose of supplying the proper power needed for the bands during the festival.

**General discussion/comments regarding Sweet Corn Days** – Teresa stated that she received a very nice thank you card from Janet Keast for keeping the music downtown longer this year, her business really thrived.

**Bills for Approval** – Jessica moved to accept the bills in the amount of 1065.00 and charge to the proper accounts, seconded by Teresa. Motion Carried (Check s #317, 318, 319)

**Post Office** – Manager, Terry gave an update on the upcoming Post Office meeting to be held on October 9, 2012 at 4p.m. Manager, Terry wants to board to encourage residents to attend to voice their opinions on how important it is to keep Litchfield's Post Office open.

**Dumpster** – Manager, Terry stated that the city has sponsored a dumpster behind Kasey's and it's for any business in our downtown to use it at cost of \$10 a month.

**Golf Course** – Jack presented a letter from Senator, Bruce Caswell stating that the annexation of the golf course property would not affect their liquor license in anyway.

**Adjourn** – Mary moved to adjourn at 6:45pm, supported by Jessica. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Ballinger, Clerk