

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Wednesday, December 6, 2023 meeting of the Downtown Algonquin Association was called to order by Giegel at 10:05am.

#### ROLL CALL

Greg Giegel, Julie Callahan, Taylor Prystawsky, Jason Shallcross, and Bob Novak were present. Tony Colatorti and Bill Hellyer were absent.

Also in attendance: Peggy Blanchard via teleconference.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Shallcross/Novak.

Roll: Ayes: 5 – Prystawsky, Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES

Motion to table the reading and approval of the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes.

Roll: Ayes: 5 – Prystawsky, Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS

The Treasurer report was given by Novak as follows: Algonquin Bank & Trust account has a balance of \$6,241.78. An invoice for \$5,000 will be issued to Village of Algonquin for securing 3 paid memberships at the November Membership Social. The Village of Algonquin is also offering an opportunity to earn an additional \$5,000 by creating a business plan in Q1 2024.

The President report was given by Giegel as follows: Christina from All in Algonquin has offered to provide a summary from each meeting held by the Village of Algonquin to be distributed to the Downtown Algonquin Association membership. The hope is that these notes can be sent as a newsletter or posted to the Association website as an added value item to the members. Giegel also went on to discuss having DAA representation at all the events taking place on Main Street. Future DAA sponsored events will be discussed later in this meeting. Giegel would also like to start the process of hiring someone to design an app and website.

Motion to approve Christina from All in Algonquin to provide DAA with meeting summaries to be distributed to the membership by Shallcross/Novak.

Roll: Ayes: 5 – Prystawsky, Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.

Novak is interested in hosting a Pet Parade on Main Street in April or May. Novak spoke about selling booth spaces to generate income for the event. Expenses to be covered would be permits, Public Works and Police staffing and insurance. Proceeds from the

event would benefit the DAA. Bob & Bobbie Novak will be responsible for planning the event and obtaining all necessary permits and Village of Algonquin approvals.

Motion to approve the Pet Parade to be held on Main Street either the last 2 weeks of April or first 2 weeks of May by Prystawsky/Callahan.

Roll: Ayes: 5 – Prystawsky, Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.

Giegel is interested in hosting a Duck Race which would start/end at Scorched Earth and Whiskey & Wine. Proposed dates are May or June of 2024. Staff of Whiskey & Wine and Scorched Earth will be responsible for planning the event and obtaining all necessary permits and Village of Algonquin approvals.

Motion to approve the planning phase to host a Duck Race in May or June 2024 by Novak/Prystawsky.

Roll: Ayes: 5 – Prystawsky, Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.

Prystawsky spoke to the Board about transferring ownership of the Merry Market on Main hosted by Fern Hill Market during the Village of Algonquin Miracle on Main event to the DAA. The market brought in approximately \$2,000 which was distributed to local charities. Future event proceeds would benefit the DAA.

Motion to approve the transfer of the Merry Market on Main from Fern Hill Market to the DAA with Prystawsky to help plan by Shallcross/Novak.

Roll: Ayes: 5 – Prystawsky, Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.

Garden on Main proposed a Polish Constitution Day event be sponsored by the DAA. A 5K, bands and food were discussed. Giegel will add to next meeting agenda.

The November Membership Social held at Port Edwards was a huge success with over 30 people in attendance.

Motion to host a Membership Social on January 29, 2024 at Port Edwards by Callahan/Novak.

Roll: Ayes: 5 – Prystawsky, Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 2 – Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.

Prystawsky had to leave meeting for emergency.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40am by Shallcross/Novak.

Roll: Ayes: 4 – Giegel, Callahan, Shallcross, Novak.

Nays: 0 Absent: 3 – Prystawsky, Colatorti and Hellyer. Motion carried.