

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Kermes, Prudhon, Ruzek; Assistant Treasurer / Secretary: Short; Attorney: Lemmons.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): Ruzek moved approval of the agenda with the following amendment: Add Item 4A) Town Hall Letter. Prudhon seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2016 (Additions/Deletions): Prudhon moved approval of the March 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Ruzek seconded. Ayes all.

WHITE BEAR LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 2017 CALENDAR PURCHASE: The Clerk reported that the Historical Society is in the design process for their 2017 calendars. He reported that for the past several years the Township been purchased 100 calendars each year. These calendars are provided to the Boards and Commissions, and available in the office at no charge as long as the supply lasts. He reported that at the bottom of the calendar is a “tab” which the Township is able to use to place whatever message it chooses, such as events, etc. It was suggested that a message relating to the Town Hall would be desirable. It is anticipated that the calendars will be delivered on or about September 15, 2016.

Ruzek moved, based on Staff review and recommendation to authorize the purchase of 100 calendars from the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society at a cost of \$350.00 with funding from the EDA Fund, noting that the calendar will include Town Hall message and Facebook notice. Prudhon seconded. Ayes all.

TOWN HALL LETTER: A draft of the letter for financial support of the Town Hall which was prepared by the WBLAHS and which will be sent to all Township residents was reviewed. The letter states that the plans for rehabilitation of the building both inside and out will transform the historic structure into a multi-purpose space highlighting the stories of the original thirty-six square mile White Bear Township. The cost of moving the building to its new site, building the basement and completing initial site work has

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been funded through non-property tax sources and the Town Board is committed to minimizing the use of property taxes for on-going costs. The WBLAHS has created a Town Hall Fund to help offset the cost of the project. Plans include a new roof, restoration of significant architectural features, interpretive displays and site improvements to provide better access to the building. The letter also provides a pledge form for donations. Ruzek suggested that the phone number of the WBLAHS be provided. The Clerk noted that the WBLAHS is working on revising the copy for the drawing of the Town Hall on the letter.

There was discussion relating to how the donations will be used. It was noted that the terms of the conditions will have to be reviewed to determine if they are designated for a particular use. In response to a question if people can donate on the Town's website, the Clerk stated that he will find out. It was suggested that the letter also be sent to residents of Vadnais Heights and the City of White Bear Lake.

Prudhon moved to approve the letter prepared by the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society to include recommended changes to the wording by the drawing of the Town Hall and the inclusion of the WBLAHS phone number at the bottom of the letter. Ruzek seconded. Ayes all.

RECEIPT OF AGENDA MATERIALS / SUPPLEMENTS: Prudhon moved to receive all of the agenda materials and supplements for tonight's meeting. Ruzek seconded. Ayes all.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William F. Short
Assistant Treasurer / Secretary