

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Supervisors: Ruzek, McCune, Prudhon; Clerk: Christopherson; Planner: Riedesel; Town Attorney: Lemmons; Public Works Director: Reed; Engineers: Studenski and Poppler.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions):** Ruzek moved the approval of the agenda as submitted with the additions of discussion regarding the White Bear Lake Historical Society and the Regularly Scheduled EDA meeting. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

**2020 CARES ACT FUNDING PROPOSAL – ADOPT RESOLUTION:** The Town Clerk reported that the EDAB met to consider how the grant funding will be spent, which includes a recommendation of an application for Township businesses to apply for and receive aid. It was noted that a couple dozen businesses within the Township that have 10 employees or fewer would be able to apply for funding. There was some discussion on the wording of the grant application: between \$500 and \$2500 will be considered, or from \$1000 upwards for the Board's consideration, whichever would benefit Township businesses most. The EDA decided on the latter option due to the short window of time. The EDAB will meet right after the deadline and report back to the EDA regarding approval recommendations. The application will be posted in the *White Bear Press*, the Town's website, Facebook page, and neighborhood page.

Ruzek moved to adopt resolution approving proposed CARES Act Fund Allocations with the changes that were just sorted in discussion. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: White Bear Lake Historical Society:** The Town Clerk reported that the White Bear Lake Historical Society has requested a \$300 donation for their 50/50 campaign: \$50,000 for 50 years of preserving history within the Township. There will be a 1 hour presentation on the topic of why the Township is shaped the way it is. It was noted that it would be a good promotional opportunity. The Town Attorney will research the Town's capability to donate due to the nonprofit third party that the Town would be donating to. Typically, this isn't allowed in Township lay. It was decided that the EDA should motion for approval with final Attorney review being the deciding factor.

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Ruzek motioned to pass this subject to Attorney review. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

**Regularly scheduled EDA meeting:** The Town Clerk noted that due to this special EDA meeting, the EDA has the opportunity to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting or leave it as is. There was consensus that the EDA will leave the regularly scheduled meeting as is, but if nothing comes up, will cancel the Friday prior to the meeting.

**RECEIVE ALL AGENDA MATERIALS & SUPPLEMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING:** McCune made the motion to receive all agenda materials and supplements for today's meeting. Ruzek seconded. Ayes all.

Ruzek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh  
Recording Secretary