

Bethel Local Development Corporation

January 23, 2014

The Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sturm at the Duggan Community meeting room on January 23, 2014.

Present: Daniel Sturm
Victoria Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Dawn Ryder
Christopher Cunningham
Fred Michel
Leon Smith

Absent: Bernard Cohen

Mr. Sturm began the meeting at 7:00 and wanted it noted for the record that there was a quorum.

Appoint/Reappoint BLDC members

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to appoint/reappoint the following BLDC members:

Victoria Simpson
Lillian Hendrickson
Bernard Cohen
Fred Michel
Christopher Cunningham
Dawn Ryder

Seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to reappoint Fred Michel as Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve the November 26, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

Let the record show that Bernard Cohen arrived at 7:15

Financial Report

Mr. Smith reviewed the report.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Michel, put to a vote and carried 7-0.

2013 BLDC Year End Report

Mr. Smith went over the report.

Some members had questions about how the Kauneonga Lake Farmers market went last summer. Mr. Sturm suggested inviting Danielle Gabel and Greg Schwarz to our next meeting.

Mr. Smith also went over the 2008 Main Street grant. He stated that annual inspections need to be conducted for all six projects under this grant.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve the Annual Year End report, seconded by Mr. Michel, put to a vote and carried 7-0.

Resignation of current BLDC manager

Mr. Sturm read Mr. Smith's letter of resignation. He said that he was very sad to see him go and that he served admirably. He also would like a letter of appreciation to be given to Mr. Smith.

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to receive and file Mr. Smith's letter of resignation, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 7-0.

Discuss replacement of BLDC manager

After some discussion, Mr. Sturm recommended Mr. Cunningham to replace Mr. Smith. Mr. Cohen stated that he thought Mr. Cunningham was qualified for the job and a good choice.

Mrs. Ryder asked if he had any grant writing experience. Mr. Cunningham said no but he has been involved with grant funded programs.

Mrs. Simpson thought the BLDC would be fortunate to have his expertise.

Mr. Michel said "put him on."

His salary will be by the voucher system like Mr. Smith was, \$25/hour up to 60 hours/month.

Motion by Mr. Cohen to appoint Mr. Cunningham as BLDC manager, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0 with Mrs. Simpson recusing herself.

A roll call vote:

Mr. Sturm – yes

Mr. Cohen – yes

Mrs. Simpson – recused herself

Mrs. Hendrickson – yes

Mrs. Ryder – yes

Mr. Michel – yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Resignation of Mr. Cunningham

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to accept Mr. Cunningham resignation, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 6-0, with Mr. Cunningham not voting.

Bonacic Invitation for Capital Facilities Proposals

The board had a discussion on following up on this grant. They thought they could use it to look for a professional company to map out the Forrest Reserve at Smallwood

Corridor Beautification Grant for 2014

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to apply for the grant, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

The board then discussed their agenda for 2014. Mrs. Ryder made a motion to put getting Broadband to more of the town on the BLDCs agenda for 2014, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Simpson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Dina Sturm
Recording Secretary