

**City of Jonesville  
Local Development Finance Authority  
Minutes of December 15, 2022**

Present: Gerry Arno, Scott Campbell, Linda Garcia, Jim Parker, and Rick Schaerer.

Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax.

Also Present: Sue Smith, EDP of Hillsdale County and Manager Jeff Gray.

Chairman Schaerer called the meeting to order at the Jonesville City Hall, 265 E Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI at 8:30 a.m.

Jim Parker made a motion and was supported by Gerry Arno to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax. Motion carried.

Gerry Arno made a motion and was supported by Scott Campbell to approve the minutes of October 19, 2022. All in favor. Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax. Motion carried.

Gerry Arno made a motion and was supported by Jim Parker to accept the financial report through October 31, 2022. All in favor. Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax. Motion carried.

Jim Parker made a motion and was supported by Scott Campbell to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Treasury Report and Activity Synopsis. Staff was authorized to submit the reports to the State of Michigan, and to post them to the LDFA section of the City website, as required by PA 57 of 2018. All in favor. Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax. Motion carried.

Manager Gray asked members to score the list of goals and priorities that was developed at the October meeting. The original list was scored as follows:

<u>Project Priorities</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Make Industrial Park lots “build ready” (grading and other improvements)	2
2. Change out entry signs at M-99 and US-12 for electronic displays.	3
3. Expansion of Industrial Park - farmland adjacent to the park.	4
4. Acquisition of underutilized properties – address empty and blighted properties and develop an “Entrepreneurial Park” with smaller lots for employers of industry and tech of around 10 employees.	13
5. Support the County efforts to upgrade to 800 MHz radios for emergency responders.	5
6. Business retention incentive program for existing businesses in the LDFA district.	5
7. Workforce training/support - partnership w/Jonesville Community Schools.	11

8. Housing Development/support – studies, builder, recruitment, identification of available properties, partner with developers, Ritz Craft, etc. 9
9. Sign along US-12 to market the Industrial Park – available lot marketing plan. 3
10. Construction of a spec building or buildings. 0

Scott Campbell made a motion and was supported by Jim Parker to identify the top three LDFA priorities as follows:

1. Acquisition of underutilized properties, addressing empty and blighted properties, and develop an “Entrepreneurial Park”. This would involve smaller lots for employers of industry and tech of around 10 employees.
2. Workforce training support / Partnership w/Jonesville Community Schools.
3. Housing Development/support – studies, builder, recruitment, identification of available properties, partner with developers, Ritz Craft, etc.

All in favor. Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax. Motion carried.

Sue Smith, Executive Director of the Economic Development Partnership provided her report on how the EDP is funded, outlining the various sources and uses of funds.

Scott Campbell made a motion and was supported by Jim Parker to approve the annual EDP investment in the amount of \$15,000. All in favor. Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax. Motion carried.

Jim Parker made a motion and was supported by Scott Campbell to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar. All in favor. Absent: Steve Harding, Kathy Schmitt, and Erik Weatherwax. Motion carried.

Manager Gray and LDFA members provided updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lenore M. Spahr  
Deputy Clerk