

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO**

**South Drake Road Corridor Improvement Authority (SoDA)  
December 6, 2023 DRAFT Minutes**

The SoDA Board meeting was held in person at Township Hall Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dennis Patzer at 12:01 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Corey Ashley  
Cheri Jodoin  
Dennis Patzer, Chair  
Kelly Bringman  
Theresa Spurr

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe Gesmundo  
Dale DeLeeuw  
Christine Morse  
Cheri Bell, Supervisor (TB Liaison)

Also present were Iris Lubbert, Planning Director, and Leeanna Harris, Zoning Administrator.

**Approval of the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda. Chair Patzer let the agenda stand as published.

**Minutes**

Chair, Dennis Patzer asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of June 7, 2023. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Jodoin made a motion to approve; Mr. Ashley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Chair Patzer asked if there were any public comments. None were made.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Report: Ms. Iris Lubbert noted that from June through November 28, 2023, revenues to date totaled \$73,597.36. Expenditures were roughly \$33,000 total which included a \$30K contribution for the Drake Road non-motorized path, and \$3K payment toward the Drake striping improvement project.

**Non-motorized Paths Update**

Chair Patzer asked Member Ashley about the striping. Member Ashley shared that cars are now stopping at the striping and noted where electric scooters had been speeding through the area, there has been

noticeable improvement. Member Ashley also noted it was interesting that the striping on KL Avenue is different from the striping on Drake.

Iris provided NM path updates from Director Horner, see attached. Question from Theresa Spurr when easements will be done for Drake Road NM use path? Iris doesn't see this information in the notes, but members will be notified once this information is available. Corey Ashley asked when KL Avenue will be closed off. The hope is to have this information to share before the next scheduled meeting. Also noted the road construction taking place at the Airport entrance has caused some business closures.

### **2024 Meeting Schedule**

The two proposed dates for the 2024 meeting schedule are June 5, 2024, and December 4, 2024. Ms. Lubbert mentioned there was previous discussion with the Board about meeting more often. After discussion with members, it was decided to keep the two proposed dates for next year. Ms. Jodoin made a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Ms. Spurr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Further discussion noted if needed, can call special meetings during the year when items come up.

### **SoDA/DDA Open House**

For anyone who is available, please stop by the Oshtemo Community Center between 4 and 6 p.m. today, for the DDA and SoDA open houses.

### **Other Items**

Chair Patzer asked if there were any other items.

Iris mentioned that this is her last meeting and introduced Leeanna Harris as the new SoDA Liaison. Iris conveyed that she has enjoyed her time here. Members shared their well wishes for Iris and their appreciation for her service. Theresa asked for Leeanna's background in which she shared earning her degrees at MSU and studies and the benefit of being able to jump right into the field, which she is grateful for this opportunity. Leeanna received a thoughtful welcome from members.

Adjournment at 12:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared: 12/13/2023

Minutes approved: