



CITY OF HART

407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420

Hart Economic and Redevelopment Team (H.E.A.R.T.)

February 2, 2022

MINUTES DRAFT

1. Call to Order

President Tufts called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

a) Roll Call

- **Members present:** Jake Tufts, Scott Beal, Sue Payne, Maria Rosas, Fred Rybarz

- **Members absent:** Dean Hodges, Mark Platt

Others present: Nichole Kleiner, Amy Trudel, Erin Stotler, Steve Bruch

2. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Rybarz, supported by Payne, to amend agenda adding item 6b "accept resignation of Lipps and Sanders. Motion carried.

3. Public Comments – None.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda - Motion by Beal, supported by Rybarz to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

5. Board Member 1-minute updates – Board members provided updates on what's happening in their business/industries.

6. Action Items

- a) Motion by Payne, supported by Rybarz to approve 2022 Meeting Schedule of Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 13, Aug 3, Sep 14, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7 at 2:00 PM

7. Motion by Rybarz, supported by Tufts to accept resignation of Lipps and Sanders.

8. Updates/Discussion Items

- a) Event Coordinator, Erin Stotler introduced herself
- b) Kleiner provided The Creeks development update
- c) Kleiner provided an update on The Hart Project, an initiative to put art in Hart
- d) Oceana Housing Study was reviewed
- e) It was decided that the next HEART initiative would be the Ceres property. Board will establish a timeline, to-do list, future use ideas for discussion.

9. Executive Director's Report – Hosted ribbon cuttings and big check presentations at Stella's, Pixel Grafix, Oceana Land Title, LaProbadita in December. Working w/ County Economic Development on Brownfield sites eligible for funding. Formed a leadership team to work with MSU Extension and MEDC on the First Impression Tourism Grant that HEART was awarded. Finalized changes to wayfinding designs proposal – awaiting pricing quotes from Valley Sign and then will issue RFP's for purchasing and installing signs. Working with Coldwell Banker, HEART Board and City Manager on The Creeks development. Thank you, Silver Lake Chamber, for organizing a fantastic Lighted Christmas Parade & sponsoring the fresh wreaths & garland downtown. Hired an event coordinator. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation toured Hart on Nov 15th offering to fund a Phase II Environmental Study of Ceres and to pay for the cost of hiring a consultant for future use and public input discussion for Ceres site. The MEDC is also creating a rendering (at no charge) to help us market the Walkers Property to be demolished and rebuilt as first floor commercial, second/third floor residential. Development leads were shared. Designed/installed new billboard on Polk Rd eastbound – thank you to the Silver Lake Chamber for sponsoring. Working with Gray & Co on an expansion project, correcting a past IFE that was authorized by city council and sorting out the paperwork for an annex from the township into the city.

9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Beal supported by Rybarz. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Economic & Community Development Director