City of Hart, Michigan

H.E.A.R.T. BOARD

Jan 8, 2025, 2:00 PM

Hart City Hall Community Center, 407 State Street, Hart, Michigan

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
    a. Roll Call (Scott Beal, Catalina Burillo, Sue Payne, Maria Rosas, Hannah Juhl, Noble Graham-Lattin, Andrew Mullen, Dean Hodges)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Dec Minutes
5. December Financials
6. Action Items
7. Updates/Discussion Items
    a. Hart Historic District
8. Events
    a. Chalet discussion
    b. Winterfest
9. Member Comments
10. Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 2 PM
11. Adjournment

CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
Hart Economic and Redevelopment Team (H.E.A.R.T.)
December 4, 2024

MINUTES DRAFT

1) **Call to Order**
   Hannah called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
   a) **Roll Call**
      - **Members present**: Maria Rosas, Andrew Mullen, Noble Graham-Lattin, Dean Hodges, Scott Beal, Sue Payne, Catalina Burillo, Hannah Juhl
      - **Absent:**
      - **Others present:** Rob Splane, Chris TerHarr, Lindsay Brown, Russ Robbins
2) **Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Noble, supported by Scott to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3) **Public Comments** – None
4) **November Minutes –** There was confusion on the two different minutes emailed to the board. Lindsay clarified that the agenda needed to reflect November minutes, not October. Motion by Noble, supported by Dean to approve the November minutes. Motion carried.
5) **October Financials** – Andrew reviewed the October financial transactions. Motion by Sue, supported by Scott to accept the financials as presented. Motion carried.
6) **Action Items**
   a) **Authorize Director to solicit applications for the Match on Main Grant, organize a selection committee to review and select 1-2 downtown brick & mortar businesses to apply on behalf of, for up to $25,000 each** - Andrew asked who organizes a selection committee, Rob explained that Nichole will organize a group prior to the reviews, Catalina added that the applicants were invited as well. Motion by Catalina to authorize the Director to solicit applications for the Match on Main grant, supported by Sue. Motion carried.
7) **Updates/Discussion Items**
   1. **Historic District, Historic Preservation Group Discussion** – Russ Robbins shared that he has been involved with the Historic District for over 30 years. Russ explained that the district is out of volunteers to run the 5 annual events they host to include the car show. Russ emphasized that volunteers are crucial to keeping operations going including museum tours. Russ provided a summary of the 5 event outcomes including district financials. Rob shared that a new board has formed; Noble is the chair, Gwen Adams Secretary, Rob Splane Treasurer, Russ Robins Vice Chair, Mike Tate Trustee. Rob explained that the board exists so that the district can maintain its non-profit status. He explained that the new board is looking to HEART to direct the future of the district. Russ stated that car show planning needs to start in February. Noble would like to get together with the board to start planning the car show in February. Scott feels that more help and better promotion of the car show will help grow the event. Sue Payne thinks we need to directly ask people to help instead of just sending a broad email. Scott suggested working with the HHS Boosters. Rob shared that NAF asked if the car show could be held in conjunction with the NAF. Russ stated that Friends of the Library hold a bake sale during the car show. Rob stated that the focus of HEART's conversation should be focused on what the future of the district will look like in 2026, possibly through public polls. Sue added that once we get more volunteers, we will likely get more ideas. Chris TerHarr shared that online booking of hall rentals and museum tours will be available online. Andrew summarized that the HEART board is looking to continue the efforts of the prior leadership of the district as well as laying out a plan for future growth/change. Scott and

others supported the idea of moving the car show to the 14th to coincide with NAF. Chris TerHaar let the board know that he is willing to move in whatever direction the boards directs him. Discussion about who could run the car show, Lloyd Miller who runs Hart Boosters was mentioned, NAPA was mentioned. Cat suggested looking online to make sure a car show on the 14th doesn't conflict with other large car shows. Rob asked about initiating public surveying on ideas for the district… support. Try to get students involved in taking the survey. Scott asked about Friday concerts, Russ said the concerts are "up for grabs". Russ shared that they had 4 concerts last year and they did not have enough volunteers to run the concessions. Motion by Noble, supported by Scott, to allow city to poll the community and students for the future of the historic district. Motion carried. Moving forward, Andrew reiterated that the HEART board will help the district continue and organize its events as they work to establish a clear vision for 2026.

2. **Development Committee Update**- Andrew shared that the covenants have been reviewed for the industrial park, one more meeting will be held to finish that review. Any portion of the covenant that is referenced in the ordinances is being redacted. This effort is in attempt to encourage, no inhibit development. Sue added that there were restrictions that did not allow certain types of development like pole structures that are being updated. Andrew noted that once the rewrite is done internally, it will need to be shared with existing owners for input. 75% of owners there will have to agree to the amendments.

8) **Events, Winterfest** – Lindsay shared that Winterfest plans are underway with consideration from last years feedback. Soup walk will offer 300 presale tickets online of to avoid day of congestion and allow for restaurants to know how much soup to prepare. The time is being moved from 11-2 to noon-3pm. Winter Golf Outing – considering having this a different day so folks can do both. Working with chainsaw artist instead of ice carvers. Firepits downtown are being explored, along with a DJ. Hannah suggested having day of tickets as well for those who may not know who want to participate day of. Catalina asked if participating soup providers get money back. Cash prizes were recommended by Hannah and supported by the board. Noble suggested a gold-casted soup bowl as a traveling trophy. Lindsay stated that she'll continue working on ideas to keep people downtown longer, possibly free hot cocoa near the firepits. Catalina suggested axe throwing company. Noble mentioned the porta potty push as an idea. Catalina suggested working with the H-art Project for other activities. Broomball will likely not return due to lack of attendance. Hannah suggested a photo opp, and possibly setting up a market in the chalets. Ice fishing tourney will be weather dependent. Hannah suggested a scavenger hunt, possibly a search for little yeti's or snowmen.

9) **Member comments** - none

10) **Adjournment** –Motion by Catalina, supported by Noble to adjourned at 3:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nichole Kleiner
Economic & Community Development Director

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Huntington PublicFund Business Interest Checking — *Account: -------1437*

Statement Activity From: 11/01/24 to 11/30/24

Days in Statement Period	30
Average Ledger Balance*	106,768.59
Average Collected Balance*	106,768.59

* The above balances correspond to the service charge cycle for this account.

Beginning Balance	**$106,934.67**
Credits (+)	**344.26**
Regular Deposits	135.00
Electronic Deposits	84.69
Interest Earned	124.57
Debits (-)	**385.77**
Regular Checks Paid	385.77
Total Service Charges (-)	**0.00**
Ending Balance	**$106,893.16**

Average Percentage Yield Earned this period 1.428%

Deposits (+) — *Account:-------1437*

Date	Amount	Serial #	Type
11/01	135.00	chalet rent	Remote

Other Credits (+) — *Account:-------1437*

Date	Amount	Description
11/01	84.69	STRIPE TRANSFER ST-M8S8S1K6X1V6 ARTWALK PLEIN AIR PAINTER REGISTRATIONS
11/29	124.57	INTEREST PAYMENT

Checks (-) — *Account:-------1437*

Date	Amount	Check #
11/01	385.77	1076 ARTWALK SUPPLIES

(*) Indicates the prior sequentially numbered check(s) may have 1) been voided by you 2) not yet been presented 3) appeared on a previous statement or 4) been included in a list of checks.

Service Charge Summary — *Account:-------1437*

Previous Month Service Charges (-)	**$0.00**
Total Service Charges (-)	**$0.00**

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Huntington PublicFund Business Interest Checking *Account: -------1437*

Statement Activity From: 12/01/24 to 12/31/24

Days in Statement Period	31
Average Ledger Balance*	68,930.27
Average Collected Balance*	68,930.27

* The above balances correspond to the service charge cycle for this account.

Beginning Balance	**$106,893.16**
Credits (+)	**332.45**
Regular Deposits	10.00
Electronic Deposits	242.45
Interest Earned	80.00
Debits (-)	**97,088.96**
Regular Checks Paid	25,088.96
Electronic Withdrawals	72,000.00
Total Service Charges (-)	**0.00**
Ending Balance	**$10,136.65**

Average Percentage Yield Earned this period 1.375%

Deposits (+) *Account:-------1437*

Date	Amount	Serial #	Type	
12/13	10.00	170678186	Brch/ATM	Chalet rental @ christmas parade

Other Credits (+) *Account:-------1437*

Date	Amount	Description	
12/02	242.45	STRIPE TRANSFER ST-U3S8H3P0U8Z4	HEART SPONSOR - Lighthouse title agency
12/31	80.00	INTEREST PAYMENT	

Checks (-) *Account:-------1437*

Date	Amount	Check #		Date	Amount	Check #	
12/02	25,000.00	1077	Hart Pizza match on main	12/06	88.96	1078	Economic Bfast ARTWALK SUPPLIES (ROCK Painting)

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Other Debits (-) *Account:-------1437*

Date	Amount	Description	
12/26	72,000.00	Huntington Bank INVESTMENT 122424 BUY	Transfer into high interest Huntington account

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