# CITY OF MT. MORRIS Downtown Development Authority Meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 1:30 P.M.

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chairperson, Lou Templeton
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting minutes from October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 5. **COMMUNICATION:**

None.

- 6. APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 8. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u>
  - a. 2026 U.S. celebration of 250 years
- 9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Monster Mash October 25th (recap)
  - b. Wreath/Business decorating contest 2025
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 11. DDA MEMBER COMMENTS
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

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# CITY OF MT. MORRIS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

At 1:30 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Rich Young called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Shirley Corcoran, Rich Young, Chris Dixon, Erika Ratkov, Mallory Young, and Mayor Sara

Dubey.

**ABSENT:** Lou Templeton, Joyce Bartos, Mike Cummings, and Matt Gunn.

**OTHERS:** City Manager/Clerk Spencer Lewis and DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

A motion was made by Shirley Corcoran, and seconded by Mallory Young to approve the absent members listed above.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

#### **AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Rich Young, seconded by Mayor Sara Dubey to approve the agenda.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Chris Dixon, seconded by Rich Young to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

City Manager/Clerk Spencer Lewis stated that he had spoken to Aaron from Bill Carr Signs, and they are anticipating mid-November installation of the new digital sign as long as everything moves accordingly.

#### APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

A motion was made by	Rich Yo	oung, seconde	ed by Shirley Co	rcoran to a	pprove the Treasurers report.
Roll call:	6	Ayes	0_	Nays	4Absent (Bartos)
					(Cummings) (Gunn)
					(Templeton)

Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayne Walter, 12338 Parklane – Wayne stated that if anyone is interested in the candy fundraiser for the band boosters, to get in touch with him.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### a. 2026 U.S. celebration of 250 years

Since Lou Templeton was absent from today's meeting, discussion on this topic will be tabled until next month's meeting. We are still awaiting the January meeting for more details of the event.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a. Monster Mash - October 25th

Chris Dixon spoke about Lou Templeton being able to line up a golf cart to be dropped off and used for the day, and the bathrooms will be delivered and billed like we had for the food truck events. Copperbeech Farms will be working in tandem with CRU paintball, and the DDA, with bringing in their animals to the event. Copperbeech will be leaving slightly earlier due to them having a show to attend down the road at 4 p.m.

Shirley Corcoran stated that her and Lou Templeton had put together 100 candy bags for children for the event.

Chris Dixon stated that last time this event was hosted, we had around 120 children. He is anticipating a slightly larger turnout this year. Everything seems to be accounted for so far, and looking forward to having a great event.

#### b. Wreath Decorating Contest 2025

Mallory Young stated that last year we had fewer participants, compared to 2023 when we started the contest, and we should change things up to maybe get more involvement. Possibly, we could do a business decorating contest to make the town look good and judge based on overall look of the business.

Shirley Corcoran spoke upon the Holiday Fun Night event that will be held downtown on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and the hopes of having some of the windows painted downtown, to be able to have them wrapped up like a present, and then having some of the children at the event be able to unwrap some of the windows to reveal the window paintings.

Police Chief Kevin Mihailoff stated that some of the simplest things that can be done for businesses, would be to put some lights around the windows and some wrapping paper. It would cost effective, and then if businesses chose, they could step up the decorations in addition to. Chief Mihailoff stated that he could have his officers decorate a wreath, and he is sure that the fire department would be more than willing to decorate one as well.

DDA members pondered the ideas of having a wreath decorating contest, a business decorating contest, or both. Sometimes wreaths are hard to see up on the poles, and at night. They take a lot of damage being out in the elements all the time, up on the poles within the city. Decision was postponed until next meeting to decide on what type of contest to hold this year.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **DDA MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Shirley Corcoran reiterated that the Holiday Fun Night will be on December  $6^{th}$ , from 6pm - 8pm. The tree will be donated by the City. A movie will be projected on a wall that night, along with the band and choir from the schools, and we are looking into other fun things for the children. Shirley also questioned if we are going to do any planting of Christmas trees in the cemetery that we had approved in the past?

Rich Young questioned if the DDA was able to set some of their funds into an interest-bearing account with some of their funds that are not being utilized for the year. He also stated that he is excited to see some new investments in town with new buildings.

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Police Chief Kevin Mihailoff stated that he made a couple of phone calls to help with the holiday event, and there's a chance for some ice sculptures coming, a smores making station (with the help of the fire department), along with some items from Sun-Belt Rentals including a UTV with doors and heat, a lift to help decorate the tree, and a few heat lamps.

Mayor Sara Dubey that we always come up with a ton of great ideas, but sometimes are hesitant to follow-up on getting items accomplished. Mayor Dubey stated that she agreed with Rich Young about spending some of our funds on things for the City, and not just letting it sit in the account.

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.
Spencer Lewis, City Clerk

11/18/2025 09:56 AM

NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MT MORRIS

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PERIOD ENDING 10/31/2025

YTD BALANCE ACTIVITY FOR 2025-26 10/31/2025 MONTH 10/31/2025 BALANCE % BDGT INCREASE (DECREASE) GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMENDED BUDGET NORMAL (ABNORMAL) NORMAL (ABNORMAL) USED Fund 248 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Revenues Dept 000 248-000-402.000 CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES 17,000.00 17,324.46 456.49 (324.46)101.91 248-000-445.000 100.00 27.38 27.38 27.38 CURRENT PROPERTY TAX PENALTY 72.62 248-000-672.000 OTHER REVENUE 0.00 1,000.00 0.00 (1,000.00)100.00 248-000-675.100 FOOD TRUCK REVENUE 3,000.00 1,910.00 0.00 1,090.00 63.67 Total Dept 000 20,100.00 20,261.84 483.87 (161.84)100.81 TOTAL REVENUES 20,100.00 20,261.84 483.87 (161.84)100.81 Expenditures Dept 103 - AUTHORITY BOARD 248-103-701.000 SALARY & WAGES 6,240.00 702.96 119.92 5,537.04 11.27 2,500.00 248-103-714.000 FRINGE BENEFITS 303.87 36.15 2,196.13 12.15 248-103-740.000 OPERATING EXPENSE 6,000.00 14,789.00 80.00 (8,789.00)246.48 248-103-880.000 COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS 1,500.00 325.00 0.00 1,175.00 21.67 248-103-940.000 1,200.00 108.25 17.25 1,091.75 9.02 RENTAL 248-103-970.000 CAPITAL OUTLAY 2,000.00 0.00 0.00 2,000.00 0.00 10,000.00 0.00 0.00 248-103-971.000 LAND ACQUISITION 10,000.00 0.00 253.32 Total Dept 103 - AUTHORITY BOARD 29,440.00 16,229.08 13,210.92 55.13 29,440.00 16,229.08 253.32 13,210.92 55.13 TOTAL EXPENDITURES Fund 248 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: TOTAL REVENUES 20,100.00 20,261.84 483.87 (161.84)100.81 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 29,440.00 16,229.08 253.32 13,210.92 55.13

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#### Huntington Public Funds Analyzed Checking

Statement Activity From: 10/01/25 to 10/31/25		Beginning Balance Credits (+)	\$71,493.67 531.51
Days in Statement Period	31	Electronic Deposits  Debits (-)  Electronic Withdrawals	531.51 <b>253.32</b> 253.32
Average Ledger Balance* Average Collected Balance*	71,879.13 71,879.13	Ending Balance	\$71,771.86

<sup>\*</sup> The above balances correspond to the service charge cycle for this account.

*Other Credits* (+) *Account:-----2498* 

Date	Amount	Description
10/01	431.65	BUS ONL TFR FRM CHECKING 100125 XXXXXXX1399
10/01	47.64	BUS ONL TFR FRM CHECKING 100125 XXXXXXX6787
10/16	52.22	BUS ONL TFR FRM CHECKING 101625 XXXXXXX1399

Other Debits (-) Account:-----2498

Date	Amount	Description
10/07	17.25	BUS ONL TFR TO CHECKING 100725 XXXXXXXX1386
10/14	80.00	BUS ONL TFR TO CHECKING 101425 XXXXXXX6787
10/20	156.07	BUS ONL TFR TO CHECKING 102025 XXXXXXX6790

Balance Activity Account:-----2498

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
09/30	71,493.67	10/07	71,955.71	10/16	71,927.93
10/01	71,972.96	10/14	71,875.71	10/20	71,771.86

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