

DOWNTOWN MILFORD, INC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 12, 2012

PRESENT: Irv Ambrose, Scott Angelucci, Nancy Benson, Mitch Edmondson, Gary Emory, Lisa Fitzgerald, SaraKate Hammer, Dan Marabello, Lee Nelson

Excused: Dan Bond

Absent: Richard Carmean

Guests: Chuck Stanko

Committee reports submitted to Board members prior to the July 12, 2012 Board Meeting, for June and July, are to be included in the master file of Board Meeting minutes with a copy of the July 12, 2012 minutes located in the DMI office.

Board President Irv Ambrose called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Treasurer's Report - Dan Marabello

- A motion was made and seconded to move, per the Treasurer's discretion, an appropriate amount of money, not to exceed \$10,000.00, into a short-termed CD. Board members present approved.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasures' reports for June and July, 2012. Board members present approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 3, 2012 and June 7, 2012 minutes. Board members present approved.

President's Report - Irv Ambrose

- The City of Milford, earlier this year, had promised DMI a \$7,500 payment during the last half of the fiscal year. Council has notified Irv they will not be compensating DMI this second \$7,500 payment. In discussion with the City Council, Irv believes there is a Council member who does not understand the DMI / City of Milford relationship. At Irv's direction, Lee Nelson has compiled a report to be presented to the City's Economic Development Director. The City of Milford recently filled this position with a new hire on a contract basis.
- Irv congratulated Lee Nelson for his successful efforts in obtaining a grant of \$5,500.00 through Delaware Division of the Arts.
- Board Members were asked to review the compilation of Diane Laird's notes focusing on the Vision Statement discussed at the Visioning Meeting held June 7, 2012. Diane's notes consist of the existing Vision Statement and points made and discussed at that meeting. Board Members are to email their comments so that a revised Vision Statement can be prepared and voted on at the August board meeting.

Executive Director's Report - Lee Nelson

- Executive Director's report was submitted to the Board prior to the July 12, 2012 Board Meeting.

The floor was then opened to discuss any of the various Committee Reports submitted:

- Design Committee – Mitch Edmondson – Scott Angelucci reported on the gateway signs. These signs will measure 14' (tall) by 10' (wide). They will have HD plastic letters. The estimated cost for the lettering by one vendor is \$1,350.00 and could

possibly be discounted if we did both signs at once. Another vendor has estimated the signs with mounted lettering at \$5,383.00 each.

A general discussion took place about the rack cards and the need for them to be placed at highway rest stops.

A short discussion followed pertaining to a mural for the Hauser Building. More information to be presented in the future.

Mitch Edmonson advised the Board of a discussion that took place at a Design Committee meeting. There is concern about safety downtown. The Riverwalk is not being monitored as it should. There are 4 or 5 bicycle Cadets in the City; could they be used to better monitor downtown and the Riverwalk? The Design Committee participants have expressed the need for people to feel safe downtown. Irv Ambrose is going to contact Police Chief Hudson and ask for a police officer to come to the next Board Meeting.

Irv Ambrose acknowledged Chuck Stanko and thanked him for attending the meeting. Chuck asked if we had any new information concerning the sewer work on Walnut Street.

It was noted that the Pelican Bar has opened and that Fur Baby Boutique will have its Grand Opening at its new location Saturday, July 14. Marcia Reed will be opening her Gallery in December.

With no further business to attend to, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Board Members present approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

The next scheduled DMI Board Meeting is **Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm at City Hall Council Chambers.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Benson  
Secretary