CITY OF IONIA

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
**8:00 AM, Wednesday, July 15, 2026**
**IONIA THEATRE**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson John Krueger called the meeting of the Ionia Downtown Development Authority to order at 8:00 AM.

## II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Roll call revealed a Quorum with Board Members John Krueger, Mark Ludema, Tricia Meyers, Dustin Sommer, Benjamin Weller, Ryan Wilson present. Board Members Taryn Altobelli, Precia Garland, Zachary Sheehan were absent.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chamber Director Wilson noted the upcoming Ribbon Cuttings happening at the fairgrounds at the end of the week, hosting Kid's Day at the fair, Coffee and Connect in Portland and their latest lunch and learn with Samantha Ringler.

## IV. CONSENT AGENDA

**(IV.1.) To approve the July 15, 2026 meeting agenda.**

With no changes or additions, Board Member Ludema made a motion, seconded by Board Member Sommer, to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

## V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**(V.1.) To approve the minutes from June 17, 2026 meeting.**

Minutes from the regular meeting of June 17, 2026, were reviewed. Board Member Wilson made a motion, seconded by Board Member Ludema, to approve the June 17, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

## VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

**(VI.1.) To accept the Account Payables for the DDA: May 25, 2026 - June 25, 2026 in the**

**amount of $11,484.16.**

**To accept the Account Payables for the Theatre: May 25, 2026 - June 25, 2026 in the amount of $18,778.14.**
Board Member Weller made a motion, seconded by Board Member Wilson:

To accept the Accounts Payables for the DDA: May 26, 2026 – June 25, 2026 in the amount of $11,484.16.
To accept the Accounts Payables for the Theatre: May 26, 2026 - June 25, 2026 in the amount of $18,778.14.

It was also requested to add the discussion of what to do with regards to invoicing to the next board meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

## VII. DDA DIRECTOR REPORT

**(VII.1.) Report included in Board Agenda Packet.**
Director Rice provided an overview of the month's activities, including the Downtown Brick Adventure, upcoming downtown events and associated street closures, participation in community meetings, and ongoing partnerships and collaborations.

## VIII. THEATRE REPORT

**(VIII.1.) Report included in Board Agenda Packet.**
Director Rice provided an overview of the month's theatre activities, including IPR camper programming, attendance at free movie screenings, admissions and concession revenues, and upcoming events. Upcoming programming highlighted included the Jake Slater benefit concert and a wedding screening scheduled for early August.

## IX. BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

**(IX.1.) Staff Report - Portable Restroom Rental**
Board Member Wilson made a motion, seconded by Board Member Weller, to approve a minimum of three portable restrooms for placement in downtown over the Freak Fair weekend happening at the end of August.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: John Krueger, Mark Ludema, Tricia Meyers, Dustin Sommer, Benjamin Weller, Ryan Wilson
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**(X.1.) Informational Presentation - Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**
Board member Wilson reviewed the Property Assessed Clean Energy through Lean & Green Michigan. More information was requested on benefits.

## XI. OTHER

It was noted that the discussion regarding fireworks and the DDA involvement should be brought forward for a vote and included on the agenda for the next meeting.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Sommer made a motion, seconded by Board Member Wilson, to adjourn.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Rice, Recording Secretary
for Taryn Altobelli, Secretary