

**2022-23 SEMI ANNUAL PLANNING COMMISSION and DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REPORT Dec 12, 2023**

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Starting with a community survey, the DDA has been well received by the community. During community events local residents have expressed to the committee how happy they are to see positive things happening in the community. The Village of Bancroft DDA continues to invite and encourage residents, local communities and other stakeholders to attend meetings and become involved in our sponsored events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat and Christmas parties. With the leadership of the lioness club these events were revived, unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, some of these events were nearly canceled again in 2023. The 3rd annual SummerFest was a success and raised \$1,642.39. The DDA hopes to restart other fundraising events such as the golf outing, annual yard sale and fundraising dinners. In order for these events to occur, a network of volunteers needs to be developed. A new commission member Anthony Boggetta has agreed to chair the fundraising events moving forward in 2023 and did a terrific job organizing the Summerfest. Community members are encouraged to contact Anthony with their interest in helping with events. To-date, the DDA has accrued close to two thousand volunteer hours and many in kind donations thanks to community support. The DDA is interested in working with the village council on restoration of the property on the corner of Main and Warren, the former bank building, that was recently acquired by the Village. Three other buildings in the DDA district were sold at tax sale. The DDA is excited to work with the new owners to develop these properties.

In 2022, 2 committee members and 1 volunteer completed the 8 hour RRC engagement classes and began the task of syncing with the MEDC AND RRC, however, the process is at a standstill currently. The committee plans to reengage in this process in 2023 which will allow the committee to pursue grant opportunities for the benefit of the community. **PLANNING COMMISSION**

No matters were brought before the Planning Commission for consideration since April 2023, date of last information meeting. The Planning Commission continues efforts to review and update the Master Plan and will work with the Zoning ordinances committee to align both documents for the benefit of the Village. The work on the Master Plan is being conducted through regular contact with the Village Zoning Administrator, Rowe and Associates, and the Village Council. Hopefully the council will approve the funding necessary to complete the master plan which is now long overdue.

2023-2024 GOALS

1. Better develop an internet and social media presence and implement a community newsletter
2. Protect health, safety and general well being of our community
3. Provide excellent customer service to our residents, potential investors and other stakeholders
4. Identify, preserve and enhance the overall quality of a small town community
5. Boost local economy through strategic planning
6. Strengthen public and private partnership
7. Continue to build a network of community volunteers
8. Focus on TIF projects

2023 MEETING DATES and member info

Meeting dates are posted on the Village of Bancroft website under Planning Commission/DDA tab.

FINANCIAL

| | April 2023 | October 2023 |
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| Community Hall Restoration Fund-6227 | 23,037.15 | 24,908.08 |
| General Fund | 3,309.95 | 5,076.34 |
| Gardens | 124.00 | 124.00 |
| Community event Fund | 2,103.72 | 2,103.72 |
| TIF | <u>6,952.70</u> | <u>27,181.69</u> prior year tax revenue received |
| Total account balance- 9552 | 12,490.37 | 34,485.75 |