

## Community Improvement of Algoma (CI of A)

Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2024  
Boat Club  
4:00 p.m.



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**Board Members Present:** Nicole Meverden, Ann Schmitz, Jan Dart, Teri DenRuyter, and Sue Hepp

**Absent:** Paula Levy, Tom Levy, and Craig Peterman

Meverden opened the business meeting at 4:02 p.m.

1. A motion to approve the September agenda by Schmitz; second by Dart. Motion carried.
2. A motion to approve the July 17, 2024 meeting minutes by Dart; second by DenRuyter. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** Erin LaBonte expressed several concerns regarding the Havegard silo project. Namely: cost would be out of our budget, insurance, OSHA requirements, lift, and applying for a grant would only amount to \$5,000. After much discussion, Dart thought that it would be worth looking into doing a wrap on the silo. Ballone agreed and offered to do the graphics for the wrap. A wrapping company from Sturgeon Bay will be contacted regarding suggestions and pricing.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Checking</b> (8.31.24)	\$ 6,738.04
<b>Savings</b>	\$ 8,914.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,652.34</b>

**Shanty Days Beverage Tent**

<b>Revenue</b>	\$12,137.00
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 8,478.43</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,658.57</b>

Motion by Schmitz to approve the treasurer's report; second by DenRuyter. Motion carried.

Dart brought up the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Vibrant Spaces Grant. Grants between \$25,000 and \$50,000 will be awarded to municipalities who create visible and pedestrian-oriented public spaces that attract and accommodate groups and activities and benefit nearby businesses and the community. Submission opens September 16 -- deadline for submissions is December 9. Awards will be announced in April 2025.

**Old Business:**

1. **Chalk Art:** Hepp brought up that CTI has several chalk art drawings from the Kite Festival. Ross Knipfer was going to erase the boards; however, Debbie asked if she could take them. The chalk art boards have been top coated. Dart and Hepp will view them and decide which would be appropriate for Pocket Park #3.
2. **Calendar Update:** Hepp received the first mail order for calendars which is the earliest request ever. Money received was given to the treasurer.

3. **Wisconsin Economic Development on Murals and Downtown Development tool kit information:** Meverden suggested this be for a future date.
4. **WWWF Update:** Dart has everything pretty much in line for the event. Sweatshirts from the Chamber will be sold on consignment.
5. **Other:** The Algoma Fire Department returned their \$75.00 check. They felt with all the support CI of Algoma has given them, it wasn't appropriate to keep the money.

**New Business:**

1. Dart received information for the Violence Intervention Project for their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held Saturday, November 9, 2024. Hepp motioned to donate \$100.00 to VIP; second by DenRuyter. Motion carried.
2. **Ice Age Trail Tables:** Dart brought up that the cement tables (2) for the trail invoice amounted to \$3,138.00 rather than \$3,000.00 originally voted on paying. Schmitz made a motion to pay the full amount; DenRuyter second. Motion carried.
3. Dart showed the Fox Cities article on Ripon Main Street lighting feature. Stringing lights across to businesses would enhance the night sky and bring walkers to the downtown area at night. Concern about wind, it was suggested to zigzag or crisscross the lights rather than string them straight across. Of course, the CI of Algoma would need to pay the businesses for the electricity. Meverden asked if solar lighting would be advisable. More discussion is needed on this topic.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2024** at the Boat Club 4:00 p.m.

Motion made by Dart to adjourn at 4:49 p.m., second by Hepp. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Hepp, Secretary