



1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Pete Scholz called meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Member Present 6:**

Pete Scholz, Rod Charles, Marie Powers, Ashley Ross, Scott Taylor, Melisa Counelis

Member Absent: Jake O'Brien, Holly Pifer, Jae Choi

Others Present: Executive Director Kimberly Smith, Admin & Promo Coordinator Jess Dickieson
4. **Public Comment on non-agenda items (3-minute limit):** None
5. **Presentation** – Police Chief Mike Solwold

Discussed traffic control, crime, how to improve M24
6. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of proposed agenda
 - b. Approval of January 2026 meeting minutes
 - c. Police Report
 - d. Code Enforcement Report

Motion: Ross/Charles to approve file agenda items 5 a, b, c, and d.

Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried
7. **Financials:**
 - a. Financial statements & revenue expenditure reports
 - b. Bills: January 2026 **(\$19,989.64)**

Motion: Ross/Taylor to approve and file agenda items 6 a and b.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried
8. **DDA reports:**
 - a. **Org Committee Report:** Scholz reported
 - b. **EV Committee Report:** Charles reported
 - c. **Promo Committee Report:** Smith/Counelis reported
 - d. **Design Committee Report:** Powers reported
 - e. **American 250/Oxford 150 Committee:** Ross reported
 - f. **Executive Director's Report:** Smith reported



9. Unfinished/Old Business:

10. New Business:

a. DDA Budget

- Village/DDA Budget Workshop on April 8th, 7pm
Discussion around capital improvement projects to be added to the 2026-2027 budget including sidewalk repairs and skyline lighting.
- DDA will host their own budget workshop after the March 16th board meeting.

b. Support Staff Compensation

Motion: Ross/Charles to move to closed session at 7:56pm

Motion: Ross/Taylor to reopen session at 8:02pm.

Motion: Ross/Taylor to raise support staff compensation to \$22/hour effective February 1st, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried

c. Tech Grant

Discussed options for use of the tech grant in 2026.

Motion: Taylor/Ross approve options for tech grant

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

d. Flowers Quote

Ross/Powers to approve \$1,242.00 for planter flowers downtown

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried

e. Sign Grants (144 S. Washington, 1 N. Washington, 51 S. Washington)

Motion: Powers/Ross to approve a 50% sign grant not to exceed \$1,335.00 (144. S. Washington)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried

(1 N. Washington) application on hold- needs council approval

Motion: Powers/Ross to approve a 50% sign grant not to exceed \$735.00 (51 S. Washington)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried



f. DIA Inside Out

Discussed program and prospective pieces around town.

11. Items moved from consent agenda: None

12. Board Member Comments: None

13. Extended Public Comment: Roman Gaskey spoke about where people are coming from as they pass through town. Stated that the EV Committee will focus more on how to capture these people and how to make M24 safer for pedestrians.

14. Adjourn:

Motion: Scholz/Taylor to end meeting at 8:20pm

Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried

Next DDA Board regular meeting: **March 16th, 2026**