

COLON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
As Required by Michigan Tax Increment Financing Act  
P.A. 57 of 2018

Kelly Pucci  
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Colon Downtown Development Authority  
Colon Village Hall  
6:45 pm – 7:18pm  
August 8, 2019

**Purpose of a Downtown Development Authority**

A Downtown Development Authority (DDA), is designed to be a catalyst in the development of a community's downtown district. The DDA provides for a variety of funding\* options including a tax increment financing mechanism, which can be used to fund public improvements in the downtown district and the ability to levy a limited millage to address administrative expenses.

The purpose of a DDA is to plan and develop the designated commercial district to its fullest potential, through economic development and historic preservation; to revitalize and redevelop the area covered by the DDA; to develop and promote trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities for the public good and general welfare by creating a climate favorable to the location of new industry, trade and commerce and the development of existing industry, trade and commerce.

**\*FUNDING**

The Colon Downtown Development Authority does not currently receive any revenue from taxes. However, it is eligible to apply for grants.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Subject to subsection (5) of PA 57 each municipality that has created an authority or that creates an authority shall create a website or utilize the existing website of the municipality that is operated and regularly maintained with access to authority records and documents for the fiscal year beginning on the effective date of this act.*

This requirement is met by utilizing the Village of Colon website: [www.colonmi.net](http://www.colonmi.net).  
In addition, advance notices of meetings are posted on the Colon DDA facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/ColonDDA/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/ColonDDA/?modal=admin_todo_tour) and within the Village Hall

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

1. Plans are underway to create a community garden on M-86 subject to approval by the Colon Village Council.

2. The DDA is creating a one-day business expo to increase awareness of Colon's many diverse businesses.
3. The DDA is exploring ways of attracting entrepreneurs to Colon by offering business planning workshops.
4. The Colon DDA Director and Colon Village Manager meet on a monthly basis with DDA staff from other DDAs in St. Joseph County including: Three Rivers, Sturgis, Constantine and Mendon. Members of local Chambers of Commerce and other interested parties are encouraged to attend these meetings. The group has planned three countywide events: a buy local weekend in October, historic tour of DDAs in November and Dining Downtown planned for Spring 2020.
5. The DDA is exploring partnerships to create a non-motorized vehicle pathway from the Community Park to M-86.
6. The DDA regularly reports blight to Mike Haydon and cases of noxious weeds and uncut lawns to the Colon Police.
7. The DDA has completed the necessary training and other requirements to become an engaged Redevelopment Ready Community.
8. The DDA has joined the Michigan Downtown Association.
9. The DDA continues to offer the purchase of stars on the Magicians Walk of Fame in downtown Colon.
10. The DDA reports to the Village Council at public meetings.
11. DDA is organizing a Christmas Decoration Contest.