



MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting January 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ron Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:02 AM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Ron Armstrong
Secretary: Kim Biegalle

Present: Ron Armstrong, Scott Faulkner, Doug Day, Larry Lethorn, Peg Mathis, Ed Fedell, Adam Geers, Larry Ivens., John Buckley, Jr.

Absent: Morgan Heinzman, Jim Badgero, Wayne Bumstead, Christina Golm

Guests: Rhonda Wert-Carr, Rich Blachford and Cindy Goddard from The Brook

Motion by Fedell, second by Buckley, Jr. to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Faulkner to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Day, second by Fedell to approve the 10/09/15 regular meeting minutes. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESERVED TIME

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Fedell, support by Faulkner to keep Armstrong as Chairman and Faulkner as Vice-Chair for the 2016 calendar year. Roll Call: Yea: Armstrong, Day, Faulkner, Lethorn, Ivens, Mathis, Buckley Jr., Fedell, Geers Absent: Badgero, Bumstead, Golm, Heinzman Nay: None CARRIED

Blachford was present to give the board an update on the happenings at The Stream and the Stream Ops Committee. There is currently a lot going on with Goodin and Wert-Carr working very hard on economic development with the help of the Stream Ops Committee. Blachford stated there may be several special TIFA meetings that need to be called over the next several months regarding possible upcoming approvals. He briefly discussed many new projects that are currently in the works and stated that currently there are 19 projects going on. Blachford reiterated the many new businesses and expansion projects that have taken place over the last year. The Stream is dedicated to economic development and will be striving very hard this year to make it happen.

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budget. Currently the budgets should be at approximately 50% and the TIFA/LDFA revenue is over that at 77%. Buckley asked why revenue was up; Schneider explained. Both TIFA/LDFA are under in expenditures as well. The Stream portion of the expenditure budget is up due to technology upgrades. Overall the TIFA budget is in very good shape.

Cindy Goddard, a representative from The Brook, stated that the facility is slated to open on March 1st with a light open house on February 25th. She reiterated that it is a 42 unit facility and is both independent living and assisted living. There was some concern about the southern portion of the property needing some landscaping and a possible burm, as behind the facility is a residential area. She provided the TIFA board with an estimate of trees to be planted but not a cost on a burm. Armstrong suggested using some of the LDFA monies (because it is located within that district) to pay for the cost of the trees and possible burm. The Brook will come back at a later meeting with a possible cost of a burm. Motion by Faulkner, support by Fedell to approve up to \$20,000 to The Brook for landscaping and a possible burm. Roll Call: Yea: Armstrong, Day, Faulkner, Lethorn, Ivens, Mathis, Buckley Jr., Fedell, Geers Absent: Badgero, Bumstead, Golm, Heinzman Nay: None CARRIED

Schneider stated that sidewalk/bridge plan on Division Street is almost complete and will be ready for bid soon. He stated that we may have to budget for half the expenses in this current budget year and the other half in the next budget year. He also updated the TIFA Board on the well at the soccer field. All is going good with the exception of some issues when the well kicks on and off. He stated there are a couple options to remedy the issues but one is more expensive; they will continue to monitor. He did state that the iron content at the field is extremely high; this was something Fedell wanted to know.

The board addressed the need for a downtown restroom facility. Several board members made suggestions as to where to possibly locate such a facility. Faulkner requested that we have an engineer start the process by looking at several locations and coming up with preliminary plan costs. Motion by Faulkner, support by Lethorn to hire Sidock Group to come up with preliminary plan costs and possible locations with costs not-to-exceed \$5,000. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Blachford stated that today at noon at the NEDO (Newaygo Economic Development Organization) meeting, they would be kicking off a media blitz. Planning on starting this blitz July 1st and utilizing social media. He would like to see videos focused on Newaygo. He is looking to get the school, businesses and organizations involved in this process and is looking for donations.

BOARD COMMENTS

Armstrong stated the next TIFA Board meeting would be on April 15th.

Motion by Fedell second by Mathis to adjourn the meeting. AIF/CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 AM.

Kim Biegalle, TIFA Secretary