



## **MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting April 15, 2016**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Scott Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:01 AM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Scott Faulkner, Vice-Chair  
Secretary: Kim Biegalle

Present: Scott Faulkner, Doug Day, Larry Lethorn, Morgan Heinzman, Peg Mathis (left meeting at 7:40 am), Ed Fedell, Adam Geers, Larry Ivens., John Buckley, Jr.

Absent: Ron Armstrong, Jim Badgero, Wayne Bumstead

Guests: Rhonda Wert-Carr, Kim Goodin from The Stream, Kim from The Brook, Colleen Lynema from River Country Chamber of Commerce

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

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

Motion by Fedell, second by Buckley, Jr. to approve the 01/08/16 regular meeting minutes. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **RESERVED TIME**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Faulkner presented a PowerPoint presentation to the board which defined the roles, mission, obligations and TIFA's role in economic development. Faulkner also discussed the other City boards and organizations, in and around the County, that help with economic development. TIFA is, and should be, pro-development of the City. Buckley also noted that there are other groups and individuals who are also very involved in pro-development and sometimes know of possible projects before TIFA and the City, such as the realtors, bankers and insurance people in and around the community. Buckley stated it is not the government's job to drive development; it needs to come from the people. Buckley also suggested coming up with a one page, laminated contact sheet with names and phone numbers for the Zoning Administrator, Economic Development contacts, Chamber, etc. That way when or if someone comes in contact with a possible lead, this information is at everyone's finger tips. Schneider mentioned that NEDO needs to have bankers and realtors present at meetings so they can work directly with each other and know of vacant properties and possible business opportunities. Lynema stated the Chamber board members are and can be great ambassadors as well. Heinzman suggested getting all the City's boards together at the same time, at one

meeting and doing this PowerPoint for them. That way all can ask questions and know their role in economic development. Kim from The Brook stated that the City is on the right track.

Wert-Carr gave a brief update on The Stream. She stated that meeting room usage has increased 60% from last year with membership continuing to be steady. There are currently 19 active projects in the works.

Schneider went over the current, amended and 2016-17 TIFA/LDFA budget. All are in good shape. Buckley had a question on The Stream membership revenue and why the difference in amounts; Schneider explained that had to do with Fremont Insurance leaving and the loss of that membership. Heinzman would like to see the water tower repainted to represent the school and community; would like it added to "Special Projects". Schneider explained that the water tower engineer stated the water tower won't need to be addressed again for two to three years and at that time it would be good to look at the repainting. Heinzman stated there is a local contractor who will give a good deal on the painting. Schneider reiterated that TIFA has done a lot for the school, new track, concession stand, field work, etc. Schneider also noted that the LDFA revenue budget is larger due to the numerous developments that have taken place recently (Bucher, The Brook). The City, in the new budget year, will look at putting in sidewalks and some storm water repairs in that area.

Motion by Buckley, Jr., support by Fedell to approve Resolution T16-01 which amends the 2015-2016 TIFA and LDFA budgets. Roll Call: Yea: Day, Faulkner, Heinzman, Lethorn, Ivens, Buckley Jr., Fedell, Geers  
Absent: Armstrong, Badgero, Bumstead, Mathis Nay: None CARRIED

Motion by Fedell, support by Lethorn to approve Resolution T16-02 which approves the 2016-2017 TIFA and LDFA budgets. Roll Call: Yea: Day, Faulkner, Heinzman, Lethorn, Ivens, Buckley Jr., Fedell, Geers  
Absent: Armstrong, Badgero, Bumstead, Mathis Nay: None CARRIED

Motion by Heinzman, support by Lethorn to approve the invoice from the Chamber for some Farmers Market costs in the amount of \$1,224.48. AIF/MC

Schneider stated that he, as well as the PSD Board, is looking in to the downtown restrooms options. He stated that an engineer we are working with has plans of a similar restroom project they just did. The building was approximately 20' x 38' and cost \$200,000. Heinzman stated Croton Township is currently constructing restrooms and described them. It is costing them \$290,000 and he is willing to share those plans with Schneider as well.

Faulkner briefly talked about the Edge Trail system and that group is looking to extend the path along the river towards Newaygo. TIFA should anticipate putting some funds aside for this upcoming project and also attending and being a part of those trail meetings. Heinzman suggested that trail committee also should work with/through NCRA, work together and he has already been in contact with someone regarding that.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lynema thanked the TIFA Board for their support on Chamber projects and let them know of their upcoming General Membership meeting which is taking place on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Driftwood in Croton starting at 5:30 pm.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 AM.

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Kim Biegalle, TIFA Secretary