



## **MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting July 13, 2018**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ron Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:04 AM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Ron Armstrong  
Secretary: Kim Biegalle

Present: Ron Armstrong, John Buckley Jr., Bryce Cronk, Scott Faulkner, Ed Fedell, Morgan Heinzman, Aaron Leestma, Peg Mathis, Joel Phillips, Kelly Tinkham, Chris Wren

Absent: Jim Badgero, Nick Looman,

Audience: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Chief Andres, Ryan Dornbos, Kim Goodin

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

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

Motion by Faulkner, second by Mathis to approve the 04/13/18 regular meeting minutes as presented. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Schneider stated that the Digital Works Program currently has few applicants, but 60% of Digital Work Students have found employment.

Ryan Dornbos, Newaygo Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, updated board on projects and programs he has been working on and discussed a number of groups that have been put in place. He stated that a School Assigned Police Officer has been hired and will have an office at Newaygo High School. Dornbos stated that the Neighborhood Watch is hosting a Neighborhood Block Party on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Armstrong introduced Chris Wren, Newaygo County Administrator, as the newest member of the TIFA Board.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Schneider introduced representatives from Progressive AE that were present to discuss proposal for M-37 Traffic/Safety Study being requested by MDOT in order to test pilot Walkability improvements on M-37. Progressive AE gave background and overview of what has been completed and explained current proposal. Board discussed need for study, having the right people involved in meetings and the problem trying to be solved. Motion by Heinzman to spend no more dollars on M-37, no second. Motion failed. Motion by Armstrong, second by Buckley Jr. authorizing to spend an additional \$10,000 with Progressive AE to perform M-37 traffic analysis required by MDOT, create more concept drawings and hold more meetings/correspondence with MDOT to move project along. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr.,

Cronk, Faulkner, Fedell, Leestma, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren Absent: Badgero, Looman Nay: Heinzman CARRIED

Schneider updated Board on sub-committee that was formed to discuss Economic and Community Development Coordinator Position. Faulkner excused himself as he has a personal interest in this position. Motion by Heinzman, second by Buckley Jr. to allow Faulkner to abstain as he has a personal interest in position. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the sub-committee had discussed job description and measurables. Board wants position to work collaboratively with the Right Place and provide a report at least once a year to the TIFA Board. Motion by Heinzman, second by Buckley Jr. to approve funding up to \$35,000 and amend the TIFA Budget to add one line item for Economic and Community Development Position with this amount. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Cronk, Fedell, Leestma, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren, Heinzman Abstain: Faulkner Absent: Badgero, Looman CARRIED

Schneider discussed Master Plan and Housing Recommendation documents in Board packets. He asked Board to contact him with any thoughts, ideas or suggestions.

Armstrong went over NEDO Project Update sheet that was included in Board packets.

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budgets. The 2017-18 budget has a positive balance with revenues over expenses and not much to discuss with the 2018-19 budget as the fiscal year has just started.

Schneider stated a revised Conflict of Interest Policy was in packets for Board to review.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chief Andres thanked everyone for investing in the Police Department.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Heinzman stated he is not against a potential roundabout.

Wren stated he has an upcoming meeting with the DNR & Consumers about the river water flow

Mathis on behalf of kids thanked everyone for supporting the School Assigned Police Officer. She stated that the new building project is on schedule. .

Fedell stated that he is going to work on adding a second police officer to the night shift and also discussed a campaign flyer he received.

Buckley Jr. stated that the Newaygo Gerber Federal Credit Union Branch has increased 70% from open date three years ago. Tinkham complimented Newaygo Gerber Federal Credit Union staff.

Leestma stated PACE has hired 20 FTE's since they opened approximately a year ago and discussed low-income housing and retail.

Phillips thanked Schneider for follow up on disbursements made to NCRESA.

Tinkham stated that the summer reading program is in full swing and they have approximately 500-600 participants.

Armstrong stated that they raised more than enough funds to cover Bella's expenses for the year.

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Mathis to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 AM.

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Kim Biegalle, TIFA Secretary