



## **MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting January 11, 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ron Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:01 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., Julie Burrell (entered 7:03 AM), Bryce Cronk, Ed Fedell, Morgan Heinzman, Nick Looman, Peg Mathis, Joel Phillips, Kelly Tinkham, Chris Wren

Absent: Aaron Leestma, Greg Slominski

Audience: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Scott Faulkner, Officer Ryan Dornbos, Colleen Buckley, Kim Goodin, Chris Ortwein

Motion by Fedell, support by Mathis to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, support by Wren to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Fedell to approve the 10/12/18 regular meeting minutes. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Colleen Buckley, of The Stream/Digital Works, stated due to low unemployment rates, making it hard to get students for the Digital Works Program, is recommending the program be done. Buckley said many students of the program were able to get nice jobs, but no student interest in future classes. She is working with Schneider to communicate with the Fremont Area Community Foundation and Connected Nation about closing the program. Buckley stated that technology equipment can be repurposed at City Hall. She stated that detailed information was included in TIFA packets.

Ryan Dornbos, Newaygo Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, gave a year-end report, which was included in packets, on his activity for the year. He discussed: number of presentations he has given, current boards he serves on, projects and events he has been involved with, and grants that he has written or assisted with. Officer Dornbos discussed Goals for 2019.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Fedell, support by Heinzman to keep Armstrong as TIFA Chair. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, support by Looman to appoint Buckley Jr. as TIFA Vice-Chair. AIF/MC

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budgets. He discussed amended amount of \$80,000 for museum project and stated that a breakdown of revenue sources and expenses for the project was in their packets. Board Members asked questions which Schneider answered.

Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Mathis to approve Resolution T19-01 to amend 2018-2019 budget adding \$80,000 for museum project. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Burrell, Cronk, Fedell, Heinzman, Looman, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren Absent: Leestma, Slominski Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Fedell, support by Burrell to approve Resolution T19-02 confirming TIFA's pledge to pay \$140,000 for Scott Street Storm Sewer work. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Burrell, Cronk, Fedell, Heinzman, Looman, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren Absent: Leestma, Slominski Nay: None. CARRIED  
This amount was already approved and in budget, but USDA requesting documentation.

Schneider and Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator (ECDC), discussed, showed videos and pictures on trip they took to Carson City and Alma to research parking on streets in their downtown areas. Schneider discussed M-37 mini test and showed pictures they had done in Newaygo with DPW Department. They spoke about upcoming meeting with MDOT and Newaygo County Road Commission.

Faulkner discussed 3 big events held in Newaygo by the River Country Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is asking for \$25,000 to help cover costs to maintain these events. Information was in packets showing Chamber expenses and revenue for these events. Board discussed and asked Faulkner questions. Board would like a representative from the Chamber to come to April meeting and discuss in more detail about specific event or project for possible funding consideration.

Faulkner discussed information in packets related to: Measurables, Redevelopment Sites, MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, Grant initiatives, Public Outreach Campaign, Stream Marketing Campaign, and Facade Improvement program for downtown.

Schneider briefly discussed list of potential future projects.

Board discussed thoughts on digital signage in Principal Shopping District.

Buckley Jr. left meeting at 8:46 am

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Ortwein, 6688 E. Carrigan Drive, said should communicate with all business owners about parking design changes on M-37. He discussed "Opportunity Zone" and said watching what State decides.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM

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Kim Biegalle, TIFA Secretary