



MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting July 12, 2019

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 Goodin

Present: Ron Armstrong, John Buckley Jr., Julie Burrell, Bryce Cronk, Ed Fedell, Morgan Heinzman, Nick Looman, Joel Phillips, Kelly Tinkham, Chris Wren

Absent: Aaron Leestma, Peg Mathis, Greg Slominski

Also Present: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, Colleen Lynema, Executive Director River Country Chamber of Commerce, Ryan Dornbos, Newaygo Police Department Crime Prevention Officer

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

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

Motion by Fedell, second by Buckley Jr. to approve the 6/05/19 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESERVED TIME

Dornbos discussed larceny in the area and feels most cases are related to the increase in “meth” use stating he has taken over these cases. Dornbos stated that Newaygo Kids Day and Marshall Vigil went very good. He discussed projects and events he has been involved with and stated that a Human Trafficking Seminar will be held on September 10th. Dornbos thanked Board for allowing him to be in this position and said he was recently awarded Newaygo Officer of the year. He gave an update on the Newaygo River Patrol.

Lynema stated that the Administrative Coordinator Position for The Stream and Chamber was posted and she has received 13 applicants with interviews starting next week.

Schneider discussed information in packets explaining TIFA/LDFA purpose, role, focus and how was formed. He spoke about the financial highlights of TIFA and LDFA along with the goals and direction for coming year. Schneider stated this presentation and information will be provided twice a year due to a new state requirement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budgets; discussed some highlights and explained some revenue and expenses.

Board and Schneider discussed MDOT project, dollars spent with Progressive Engineering and fund balance percentage.

Motion by Heinzman, second by Buckley Jr. to approve Resolution T19-06 to broaden language for sewer funding which had already been approved. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Burrell, Cronk, Fedell, Heinzman,

Looman, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren Absent; Leestma, Mathis, Slominski Nay; None CARRIED Schneider stated TIFA had already approved sewer funding on Scott Street and wanted to broaden language allowing funding to help pay for any other components of the Sanitary Sewer or Storm Sewer Systems should the need arise. He stated that there may be some additional costs with lagoon sludge removal that were not anticipated.

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Looman to approve Economic Development Strategy. AIF/MC Faulkner stated that an Economic Development Strategy is a requirement for the City to become a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) with the State and is also part of the TIFA plan. He said that the Economic Development Strategy had been approved by City Council, Planning and NEDO. Faulkner discussed the Strategy document that was in packets focusing on the preservation of small town way while accommodating the growth, the City's identity and direction, Newaygo's built environment and five pillars of Economic Development. Board Members discussed services, future services, and need for people to continue feel of small town while allowing for additional growth. Faulkner stated that he will begin working on a Marketing Strategy in the upcoming months.

Schneider discussed potential strategic property acquisitions if property has a value to the City for development. Board discussed the possibility of potential contract with resident or business for an option to purchase parcel(s) should a developer be interested in parcel.

Faulkner discussed potential Housing Study to help entice developers to come to Newaygo. He said they are still researching.

Faulkner discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He discussed upcoming Public Engagement Meeting on August 15th, gave an update on the status of the suspension bridge project and stated that Christian Healthcare Centers voted unanimously to select Newaygo as their first rural location.

Schneider mentioned list of potential future projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Del Hirdes, representing Newaygo Fire District, stated Fire Board and Department are happy with growth in Newaygo, but want to remind all that additional growth means additional medical and fire services are required. He said the need may occur to figure out funding for additional investments if needed for the Fire Department.

BOARD COMMENTS

Heinzman discussed the need for additional baseball fields in Newaygo and stated that looking at potentially bringing quotes in next 4-6 months for additional fields at Henning Park. Wren stated that NCRA would have to work with the County Parks Board to get a potential long term commitment of use where baseball fields would be located.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM

Kim Goodin, TIFA Secretary