



MINUTES

TIFA Regular Board Meeting

July 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan Heinzman called the TIFA meeting to order at 7:01 am. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Morgan Heinzman
Secretary: Kim Goodin

Present: John Buckley Jr., Jake Cooper, Bryce Cronk, Ed Fedell, Morgan Heinzman, Joel Phillips, Greg Slominski, Shelley Staeven, Kelly Tinkham, Chris Wren

Absent: Julie Burrell, Reid Sherwood, Charles Zeldenrust

Also Present: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Kim Goodin, Secretary, Colleen Lynema, Executive Director of River Country Chamber

Motion by Fedell, second by Tinkham to excuse absent members. AIF/MC Heinzman stated that Newaygo Public Schools had hired Jeff Wright as the new Superintendent and said the School Board plan had been to add School Board Member Reid Sherwood to the TIFA Board temporarily until a new Superintendent was hired and could join the TIFA Board.

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

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Wren to approve the 04/16/2021 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

RESERVED TIME

Lynema discussed report in packets about Stream Operations. She stated that the Chamber was working on updating their policy and procedures. Lynema gave an update on the Memorial Day Festival, Farmers Market, Kids Day and Social Zone. Schneider said that an update on the Crime Prevention Officer was included in packets.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Schneider went over TIFA/LDFA budgets in packets focusing on FY 2020-2021 end of year budget stating that revenues were right where they should be and discussed some expenses stating that some of the expenses for the new Henning Baseball Fields and the Watermain Project would be shifting to the FY 2021-2022 budget. He said that there are not any current projects in the LDFA budget and discussed the highlights of budget detail sheets. Board and Schneider discussed lower distribution amounts to the County, City, and Library. Schneider and Heinzman explained that a higher amount of funds had been allocated to the watermain project causing less

distribution back to the County, City and Library and said that this is a one-time allocation. Board & Schneider discussed the revenue and expenses at The Stream once The Stream debt is paid stating that the expenses will still be higher than current revenues. Schneider stated that it will be up to the TIFA Board to make decisions on The Stream as the years progress.

Motion by Wren, second by Buckley Jr. to allow the City the flexibility to utilize up to \$100,000, if needed, from the contracted services budget for the watermain project. Roll Call: Yeas: Buckley Jr., Cooper, Cronk, Fedell, Heinzman, Phillips, Slominski, Staeven, Tinkham, Wren Absent: Burrell, Sherwood, Zeldenrust Nay: None CARRIED Schneider discussed contracted services budget stating this is used towards paving City streets and that due to the M37 Project and detour the City is not planning to do a lot of paving projects this year to minimize additional traffic disruptions. Schneider proposed the ability for the City to utilize up to \$100,000 from the contracted services budget towards the watermain project if necessary and discussed the mixture of funding sources that are being utilized for the watermain project. Schneider answered questions from Board Members relating to the M37 watermain project.

Heinzman discussed creating 2 committees comprised of TIFA & Council Members focusing on near-future projects and legacy type projects. Board discussed committee members and potential number of meetings per committee. Heinzman will work on guidelines for committees prior to the October TIFA Meeting.

Schneider asked TIFA Members for future development ideas in the City stating that he and Julie Burrell had met with a developer and the developer asked what the City would like to see in Newaygo in the future. He discussed the list of ideas that had been discussed at the previous Council, Planning, and PSD Meetings. Heinzman stated that he thought this would be good discussion at one of the committee meetings. Board discussed the need for projects that create an environment that people want to spend money, support current businesses, and potentially bring in additional businesses. An example brought up was a band shell along the river.

Schneider gave a recap on projects that have occurred in the City over the recent years. He gave an update on Christian Healthcare Center (CHC) and discussed options being considered allowing the City to utilize CHC parking area on off hours. Schneider stated that Biggby Coffee should break ground soon and that the Sandmold building had been sold but he has not heard anything on plans for the building. He gave an update on the Disc Golf Course and stated that seven holes would be done soon and discussed River Hills Phase 2. Heinzman stated that a land study has not been completed for the schools and this would need to be done before a decision could be made about next steps with the Vera Wilsie property. Schneider showed a map of Marshall Trail and the Board discussed options of expanding the trail in the future.

Heinzman introduced Jeff Wright, the new Newaygo Public Schools Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynema gave an update on the Newaygo County Tourism Council website and maps being worked on related to the Disc Golf Courses in the area and highlighting trails in the community.

BOARD COMMENTS

Tinkham gave an update on a grant that the library recently submitted for charging benches and extending WiFi into the parks and stated they are working on a few other grants.

Wren commented that we need to make sure we maintain existing past projects.

Slominski said that public restrooms are needed in the downtown area.

Schneider and Board discussed idea that was submitted to Schneider recently for additional parking at Riverfront Park II and moving the fish heads to Riverfront Park I.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM

Kim Goodin, TIFA Secretary