



## **MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting October 12, 2018**

### **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., Bryce Cronk, Ed Fedell, Morgan Heinzman, Aaron Leestma, Nick Looman, Joel Phillips, Kelly Tinkham, Chris Wren

Absent: Jim Badgero, Julie Burrell, Peg Mathis

Audience: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Chief Andres, Officer Ryan Dornbos, Colleen Buckley, Kim Goodin, Steven Radtke, Mark Miller

Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Fedell to excuse absent members. AIF/MC (Leestma arrived at 7:03 am)

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

Motion by Fedell, support by Looman to approve the 07/13/18 regular meeting minutes. AIF/MC

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **RESERVED TIME**

Colleen Buckley, of The Stream/Digital Works, gave an update on the Digital Works Program. She discussed the low unemployment rates in the State and the County and feels this is having an effect on low interest in the Digital Works Program. Buckley provided updates on Digital Works employment rates, agencies she is working with, and stated she plans to hold a class prior to the holidays if she gets enough students. Board Members asked questions which Buckley answered.

Ryan Dornbos, Newaygo Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, updated the board on projects he has been involved in or working on including: domestic violence taskforce, dam failure exercise, active shooter presentations, and a few grants he has submitted. Dornbos discussed the "no shave fundraising campaign" with proceeds going to Hope 101 Ministry and stated that the Neighborhood Watch recently celebrated their one year anniversary. He stated that himself and School Police Officer Mitch Rood are working on additional school safety training programs that will begin in November at each school in Newaygo.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Fedell introduced Mark Miller, Chairman of the Newaygo County Museum Board and Steve Radtke, Executive Director of the Newaygo County Museum. Radtke gave a presentation on the history of the museum, discussed the museum expansion project and showed past, current and future renderings. Miller discussed

the museum capital fundraising campaign and stated the goal is to raise 1.2 million dollars. He stated they want to utilize the current building, expand, enhance the beauty, increase attendance, expand educational opportunities with the county schools, and have the ability to exchange artifacts more frequently. Miller stated that research shows a positive impact on local communities with a museum and they are working with all communities to become involved and contribute financially. He stated the museum campaign committee is asking TIFA to award \$240,000 to the campaign in three installments. The first installment of \$80,000 as soon as possible, the second installment of \$80,000 in July or August 2019, and the third installment of \$80,000 during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Miller stated they have and are approaching other major funders and their goal is to secure 60% of their funding through private donations before kicking off their public campaign. Board Members asked questions relating to: interior enhancements, chosen architect, sustainability, and project timeline which Miller and Radtke answered. Wren stated he feels this is one of the best projects as it represents entire County and he strongly supports this project. Schneider stated the City has been interested in beautifying the corner where museum is located and this project would strongly support that. The museum board will supply TIFA with their budget breakdown and capital plan prior to TIFA's January meeting.

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Heinzman approving Resolution T18-03 setting the TIFA meeting dates for 2019. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Cronk, Heinzman, Leestma, Looman, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren Absent: Badgero, Burrell, Mathis (Fedell was out of room for this roll call) Nay: None. CARRIED

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budgets. All departments are on target. Board asked questions related to Magna and The Stream which Schneider answered.

Wren left the meeting at 7:56 am.

Phillips left the meeting at 8:14 am. (Left during the discussion)

Schneider discussed engineering proposals from Progressive AE that were included in packets and showed revised plans for proposed changes on M37. He stated that they have a meeting with MDOT and Kelly Smith, Newaygo County Road Commission Manager following the TIFA meeting. Schneider stated that no decision from MDOT will occur until additional analysis is completed, Form 1629 is completed and a public engagement meeting occurs. Motion by Heinzman to not approve any additional dollars with engineers until the outcome of meeting with MDOT and Kelly Smith is known, no second. Motion failed. Motion by Fedell, second by Looman authorizing to spend \$13,600 with Progressive AE to complete necessary analysis needed to complete and submit Form 1629 to MDOT. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Fedell, Leestma, Looman, Tinkham, Absent: Badgero, Burrell, Mathis, Phillips, Wren Nay: Cronk, Heinzman CARRIED

Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator (ECDC), discussed information in packets related to TIFA ECDC Measurables and NEDO updates. He discussed Redevelopment sites, MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, grant initiatives, Stream marketing campaign and a public forum being planned in November regarding the Master Plan Project.

Schneider stated that Jackson Merkey was awarded the sewer contract. He stated that the sign in front of City Hall is falling apart and the need to look at replacement options which may require some financial assistance in the future. Schneider said multiple pieces of playground equipment will need to be replaced as well.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 AM.

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Kim Biegalle, TIFA Secretary