



**MINUTES**  
**TIFA Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 20, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ed Fedell called the TIFA meeting to order at 7:02 am. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Ed Fedell  
Secretary: Kim Goodin

Present: Julie Burrell, Bryce Cronk, Ed Fedell, Joel Phillips, Andy Rusk, Kelly Tinkham, Chris Wren

Absent: John Buckley Jr., Jake Cooper, Morgan Heinzman, Tom Postma, Charles Zeldenrust

Also Present: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Kim Goodin, Secretary

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

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

Motion by Wren, second by Phillips to approve the 07/21/2023 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Rachael Porter, River Country Chamber of Commerce, discussed report in packets about Stream Operations and gave an update on private office rentals at The Stream. She gave an update on the Logging Festival activities and discussed the Social District.

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. He stated that this presentation and information will be shared twice a year due to state requirements. Schneider and Board discussed potential future projects in the LDFA District and what would need to be done should expansion of the LDFA District ever be something the Board was interested in exploring.

Schneider went over TIFA/LDFA budgets included in packets stating that the budget is right where it should be for this time of year. He said that revenues were slightly higher due to TIFA receiving higher interest rates than anticipated. Schneider stated that the City had received and issued reimbursements for a couple of completed TIFA Façade Grant Projects. Board discussed time limit for TIFA Façade Grant Projects to be completed from the time the grant is approved.

Schneider gave updates on various projects from the project update list that was included in packets. He stated that Mercury Broadband had started building in the Industrial Park and had applied for a Tax Abatement. He gave an update on the Skate Park stating that the Newaygo High School Engineering Science class has been working on the repairs needed at the Skate Park and that Brooks Township would be contributing up to \$10,000 for the Skate Park repairs from their ARPA funds. Board discussed playgrounds and park areas located at Riverfront Phase 1 and Phase 2 Parks and the potential need to update the playground equipment and parks. Schneider discussed the repairs and upgrades that had been done over the years. Burrell discussed potential resources that may be available through the State to assist with costs associated with upgrades to playground equipment and parks. Consensus of Board was that the TIFA Project Committee should look at playground equipment and park upgrades at their next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Tinkham stated that her last day as Library Director would be October 30<sup>th</sup>. Tinkham thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Phillips stated that NCRESA has a millage renewal for special education and vocational-technical education on the November Election.

Wren gave an update on expansion of public transportation through Newaygo County Commission on Aging that will start in the near future and that it will provide accurate data to determine if there is a need for public transportation in the County. He discussed housing incentive partnership between the County and Fremont Area Community Foundation.

Burrell gave an update on a State Rural Capacity Grant that the local communities and Fremont Area Community Foundation partnered on and said that they had received the Grant. She discussed a County Leadership Development Program that would be available in 2024.

Motion by Burrell, second by Tinkham to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 am. AIF/MC

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Kim Goodin, TIFA Secretary