



MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting January 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Scott Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Scott Faulkner

Secretary: Kim Goodin filled in during Kim Biegalle's absence

Present: John Buckley Jr., Bryce Cronk, Scott Faulkner, Ed Fedell, Mark Guzniczak, Morgan Heinzman, Aaron Leestma, Nick Looman, Peg Mathis, Joel Phillips, Kelly Tinkham

Absent: Ron Armstrong, Jim Badgero

Audience: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Chris Ortwein, Chief Andres, Ryan Dornbos, Colleen Buckley

Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Guzniczak to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

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

Motion by Fedell, support by Guzniczak to approve 10/13/17 regular meeting minutes. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESERVED TIME

Colleen Buckley, of The Stream/Digital Works, stated that recent Digital Works Graduates are finding employment at local bricks and mortar businesses. The sixth Digital Works Class will begin on Monday, January 16, 2018 at The Stream.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Fedell, support by Buckley Jr., to keep Armstrong as Chairman and Faulkner as Vice-Chair for the 2018 calendar year. AIF/MC

Schneider stated that currently Visser Brothers manages the condo association of The Stream Building. He said Visser Brothers relies upon the City Department of Public works for maintenance of common elements. Bill Mast, Visser Brothers, approached Schneider about the City managing the condo association of The Stream Building. Schneider stated that nothing would change except the way bills are paid. Schneider answered Board Member's questions. Motion by Looman, support by Buckley Jr., to allow management of Stream Condo Association transfer from Visser Brothers to City of Newaygo. AIF/MC

Schneider updated board that Carol Sherwood retired at end of 2017 as City Treasurer and Biegalle has taken over as City Treasurer. Motion by Heinzman, support by Guzniczak to appoint Kim Biegalle as the Treasurer of Stream Condo Association. AIF/MC

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA financials. Schneider answered questions from Board Members. Motion by Heinzman, support by Mathis to accept budget and approve amendments as presented. AIF/MC

Faulkner, Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Chair, gave the board an update on Economic Development Projects currently in progress. He stated that a Housing Task Force Committee was being established and community meetings would be scheduled in the future. Board had discussion about housing and the future use of land when the Vera Wilsie Elementary School is demolished. Faulkner and Schneider met with three engineering firms and requested proposals for the Walkability Improvement Projects. Faulkner said he and Schneider would like to retain an engineering firm prior to Kirk Steudle, MDOT Director, presenting in Newaygo on March 29, 2018. He said no actual work would be done, but just preliminary engineering and cost estimates for each project would be provided to the City. Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Looman to amend the agenda to include "Recommendation to retain an engineering firm for preliminary engineering and produce cost estimates for Walkability Improvement Projects". AIF/MC

Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Leestma to authorize Schneider and Faulkner to retain an engineering firm and negotiate pricing at a cost of no more than \$68,000.00. AIF/MC

Guzniczak discussed potential smaller façade programs in downtown area and spoke of other communities that have these programs. Guzniczak and Faulkner plan to research and bring suggestions to NEDO and TIFA next quarter.

Motion by Fedell, support by Looman to further amend Special Projects Account from \$148,000 to \$216,000, to accommodate cost of preliminary engineering and cost estimates for Walkability Improvements. AIF/MC

Faulkner did brief update on potential Childcare Facility to be located in parcel behind Shopko. Schneider stated the USDA approved Sewer System Project and the City is waiting for the USDA Budget to receive funding.

Motion by Heinzman, support by Buckley Jr. to approve 2018 TIFA Meeting Dates of April 13, 2018, July 13, 2018, October 12, 2018 and January 11, 2019. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Ortwein, County Commissioner, was present and commented on focusing of better connectivity from up-town to down-town Newaygo.

Chief Andres introduced Ryan Dornbos, Newaygo Police Crime and Prevention Officer. Chief said their focus is on community oriented policing. They want to educate and partner with the community. Chief and Dornbos discussed classes that have already occurred and future classes. Dornbos will be at future TIFA Meetings to give updates.

BOARD COMMENTS

Looman discussed need for public restrooms in Newaygo. He knows this has been discussed and would like to keep it in future discussions.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Kim Biegalle, TIFA Secretary

Minutes recorded by Kim Goodin