



MINUTES TIFA Board Meeting April 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Morgan Heinzman called the meeting to order at 7:02 AM at City Hall located at 28 N. State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Morgan Heinzman

Secretary: Kim Biegalle

Present: John Buckley Jr., Bryce Cronk, Morgan Heinzman, Aaron Leestma, Nick Looman, Peg Mathis, Joel Phillips, Kelly Tinkham

Absent: Ron Armstrong, Jim Badgero, Scott Faulkner, Ed Fedell, Mark Guzniczak (resigned)

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

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

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

Motion by Looman, support by Mathis to approve the 01/12/18 regular meeting minutes adding Jr., to John Buckley's name on the motion and support to approve 2018 TIFA Meeting Dates. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESERVED TIME

Colleen Buckley, of The Stream/Digital Works, stated that the 7th Digital Works class was just completed. She provided updates on Digital Works employment rates, past and upcoming job fairs, and an evening class that will begin in May. Board Members asked questions which Buckley answered.

Ryan Dornbos, Newaygo Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, updated board on projects and presentations he has done and has been working on including: youth self defense classes, active shooter presentations, submitted a grant to fund True Blue Academy, homeless youth program and a school assigned police officer. Dornbos discussed numerous boards and committees he has joined. He stated that he and Chief Andres visited Colorado to look at and gather information on medical marijuana facilities and inspections.

Motion by Heinzman, support by Buckley Jr., to approve the Newaygo Police Crime Prevention Officer to utilize one of the extra laptops from the Digital Works Program. AIF/MC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Schneider updated Board on the Conflict of Interest Policy, which was driven by the sewer project and is a USDA requested document. Board had discussion about the policy and suggested some potential modifications. Schneider will review some areas of the policy as requested and have City Attorney look policy over.

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budgets. He went over the 2017-2018 amended budgets as well as the current proposed 2018-2019 budget. Board Members asked numerous questions which Schneider answered. While discussing the budget, the Economic Development Director funding was brought up with many questions and discussion from Board Members. The Board decided to form a committee, including two Council Members, to look at how to proceed with this position based on recommendations from this committee. Buckley Jr., Looman, and Heinzman volunteered to be part of the committee along with Leestma stating he could be an alternate and would attend when time allowed. Phillips asked questions regarding possible TIFA Financial disbursements made to NCRESA. Both Schneider and Phillips will gather information and present findings at the July TIFA Meeting.

Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Heinzman to approve Resolution T18-01 to amend 2017-2018 TIFA and LDFA Budgets. Roll Call: Yeas: Buckley Jr., Cronk, Heinzman, Leestma, Looman, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham Absent: Armstrong, Badgero, Faulkner, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Heinzman, support by Leestma to amend and decrease the TIFA general wage line by \$22,000 and the Stream wage line by \$13,000 in the proposed 2018-19 TIFA budget, which was amount suggested for the part-time Economic Development Director wage position. Roll Call: Yeas: Buckley Jr., Cronk, Heinzman, Leestma, Looman, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham Absent: Armstrong, Badgero, Faulkner, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Buckley Jr., support by Looman to approve Resolution T18-02 to approve the 2018-2019 TIFA and LDFA budgets with amendment listed above. Roll Call: Yeas: Buckley Jr., Cronk, Heinzman, Leestma, Looman, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham Absent: Armstrong, Badgero, Faulkner, Fedell Nay: None. CARRIED

Schneider and Looman updated Board on MDOT presentation and meetings that were held at the end of March in Newaygo and discussed additional NEDO updates.

Schneider updated Board on Sewer System Project and stated that Master Plan work sessions are being held on April 17th at The Stream.

Buckley Jr., left the meeting at 8:38 am.

Schneider updated group that the State has consolidated TIFA laws and an update was in the packets. New law will require more reporting and transparency on TIFA activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Tinkham stated that the library is finalizing their strategic plan.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Kim Biegalle, TIFA Secretary