



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
April 27, 2010
8:00 a.m. Michigan Time

- 1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairperson Radewahn.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Radewahn, Doyle, Weise, Burns, Gray, Duclos, Ryder-Petre and Streeter.
ABSENT: Martin.
ALSO PRESENT: Russ Taylor, Township Manager, Dan Sika, Director of Community Development and Susan Coggin, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Ryder-Petre, seconded by Streeter to approve the agenda with the addition of the following discussion items: Discussion of Gratiot Road Street Lighting and Street Light Tour. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA
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- 1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
A. Approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting.
6. Approval of Expenditures
7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. Public Hearing - None.
9. Unfinished Business - None.
10. New Business - None.
11. Discussion
A. Long Term Costs Associated With Removal of Aerial Utility Lines.
B. Gratiot Road Street Lighting.
C. Street light Tour.
12. Reports
A. Chairperson D. Board Members
B. Vice-Chairperson E. Staff
C. Secretary
13. Adjournment

5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Ryder-Petre, seconded by Streeter to approve the minutes of March 23, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Approval of Expenditures – No new expenditures this month. Current balance sheet presented.
7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments – None.
8. Public Hearing – None.
9. Unfinished Business – None.
10. New Business – None.
11. Discussion
 - A. Long Term Costs Associated With Removal of Aerial Utility Lines and Possible Installation of Street Lights along Gratiot Road – Mr. Taylor presented the DDA members with some cost estimates regarding the Gratiot Road utility relocation costs. The estimates include the area from River Road to Miller Road including Consumers Energy costs along with burying the wires on the north side of Gratiot Road, connection to new services to businesses, burying conduit (south side only), Charter Communications, AT&T, light poles and wiring and miscellaneous costs. The best guess at this time is \$6,500,000. It was asked how long \$700,000 would take to pay off if bonded and it was estimated from seven (7) to ten (10) years.

Due to the cost of this project, the DDA may want to look at options with a smaller price tag including 1) installing the conduit on the south side of the road, 2) installing decorative street lighting along Gratiot Road which would have a visible impact at a lower cost or 3) removing the overhead utility lines along the south side of the road only. Mr. Taylor stated that more solid numbers should be available by the May, 2010 DDA Board meeting.
 - B. Mr. Sika presented the DDA members with a handout for the upcoming streetlight tour. The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2010. All members interested in attending this tour should meet at the Thomas Township offices at 8:20 p.m. We will be visiting six (6) sites showing various lighting configurations.
12. Reports
 - A. Chairperson – None.
 - B. Vice-Chairperson – None.
 - C. Secretary – None.
 - D. Board Members – None.
 - E. Staff
 1. Mr. Taylor stated that the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Department is looking at establishing a 3013C organization. It has come to our attention that larger corporations are finding it difficult to donate due to the lack of taxable deductions. Mr. Taylor stated that he will be looking for one DDA member to serve on this new board when it is established.

13. It was moved by Weise, supported by Duclos to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Duclos, Secretary