



THOMAS TOWNSHIP - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 - 8:00 a.m. Michigan Time

1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Radewahn.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Radewahn, Doyle, Weise, Gray, Martin, Duclos, Emeott and Ryder-Petre.  
  
ABSENT: Burns  
  
ALSO PRESENT: Russ Taylor, Township Manager, Dan Sika, Director of Community Development and Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement Officer.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Weise, seconded by Ryder-Petre to approve the agenda as presented. 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 June 3, 2014.
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
  - A. Christmas Decorations/Lighting Update.
10. New Business-None
11. Discussion
  - A. DDA Base Value Agreement with the County-Russ
12. Reports
 

A. Chairperson	D. Board Members
B. Vice-Chairperson	E. Staff
C. Secretary	
13. Adjournment

5. Consent Agenda

A. Motion by Weise, seconded by Ryder-Petre to approve the minutes of June 3, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Expenditures – Motion by Doyle, seconded by Martin to approve the expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments – None.

8. Public Hearing – None.

9. Unfinished Business

**A.-Christmas Decorations/Lighting Update.**

Taylor explained that the DDA basically has three (3) options regarding the Christmas lights along Gratiot Road. The first option would be to do the same thing as always and hopefully the winter will not be a wet one. If it is, the lights will have to be reset as time permits. The second option would be to have no lighted decorations. The final option has been discussed with Superintendent McRae and the shop teacher at Swan Valley High School to have them weld the decorations based on the dimensions we would give them with us providing the parts. Tinsel and LED rope lights would then be added. Ryder-Petre questioned how time consuming it actually was to reset the lights given that option. Taylor noted that it is extremely time consuming and very difficult if we have snow on the ground around the street light poles. Doyle questioned the option mentioned in the agenda item regarding the cost per strand of lights and how this would work since they are inexpensive. Taylor explained that option would involve replacing the lights on the decorations we already rent. Radewahn suggested that a test decoration be made by the school. Martin agreed this should be done before doing a complete set. A motion to recommend to the Thomas Township Board to retrofit ten (10) decorations rented from Meredith Corporation with the lights recommended by Bronner's was presented. Motion by Martin, support by Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business-None

11. Discussion

**A-DDA Base Value Agreement With the County**

Taylor updated the DDA that he has not heard back yet from Saginaw County regarding the meeting being sought, however they do have a copy of the latest proposed agreement. He said he hopes to hear from them yet this week. Taylor added that the meeting request would be for himself, Radewahn, Weise and Sika. He will inform the DDA once he knows the date of the meeting.

12. Reports

- A. Chairperson – None
- B. Vice-Chairperson – None.
- C. Secretary – None.
- D. Board Member – Gray wished to remind the DDA Board that the Thomas Township Business Association will hold its annual golf outing on Monday, August 11, 2014. He hoped for participation.
- E. Staff – Taylor informed the DDA Board of the upcoming road project by the Saginaw County Road Commission involving Miller Road.

13. It was moved by Ryder-Petre, supported by Weise to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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David Duclos, Secretary