



Downtown Development Authority

THOMAS TOWNSHIP - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 - 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, Emeott, Duclos, Gray, Martin, and Weise
ABSENT: Burns, and Ryder-Petre
ALSO PRESENT: Dan Sika, Director of Community Development and Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Chairman Radewahn asked for an amendment to the Agenda for today's meeting to include an item, New Business E: Possible Board Vacancy. Motion was made by Weise, supported by Doyle to approve the amended 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 March 24, 2015.
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
A. Shields Drive Extension-Discussion Only
B. Status Update of North Miller Road Project-Discussion Only
C. Soccer Fields All Purpose Building-Discussion Only
D. Removal of Gratiot Road Service Lines-North Side-Discussion Only
E. Possible Board Vacancy
11. Reports
A. Chairperson D. Board Members
B. Vice-Chairperson E. Staff
C. Secretary
12. Adj

5. Consent Agenda

A. Motion by Doyle, supported by Weise to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments – None.

8. Public Hearing – None.

9. Unfinished Business-None

10. New Business

A.-Shields Drive Extension

Sika explained that he and Russ Taylor, Township Manager had met with Mike Bierlein regarding extending Shields Drive through the property he owns. He explained that the watermain, which is the largest expenditure, is already there. A lot of the expense from that would come back once lots were sold. He said they are seeking some additional information from Spicer Engineering then they will be scheduling another meeting with Mr. Bierlein. Emeott questioned if this area would be strictly residential. It was explained that it was to make a “walkable community” of sorts with all different types of businesses as well as the possibility of housing above these businesses. The thought added Sika is for a mixed use. No date has been set for a future meeting with Mr. Bierlein, who seemed very receptive, as of this date.

B.-Status Update of North Miller Road Project

Sika told the DDA that work had officially begun on North Miller Road for this portion of the road project. The road is down to one lane, southbound. He added that the office had been handling phone calls from residents concerned with the project and any complaints that may come in have been directed to Saginaw County. The project is looking at a completion date at the end of August.

C.-Soccer Fields All Purpose Building

Sika said construction will be starting on the new pavilion/restroom at Roberts Park as they have Received enough funds to do so. The renditions in the DDA packets are the latest from Rick Keith and depict what the building will look like once completed. There has been some talk of adding Flags or something eye catching to the building but nothing definitive at this point. The information

will be going to the Planning Commission, Township Board and Parks Commission for review.

D.-Removal of Gratiot Road Service Lines-North Side

Sika explained that the Township manager, Russ Taylor, has been in conversation with Tom Begin of Consumer's Energy regarding the lines that cross over Gratiot Road from the North side. Since it is unrealistic to think of burying all the lines due to the cost previously determined, this is an option that would be feasible. Mr. Begin will be discussing this with Russ and getting a list of lines that could potentially be buried based on the information that has been gathered and is in the packet. A binder has been made giving him the locations of the poles on the North side and what address they are located near etc. As soon as any additional information becomes available the DDA will updated. It is hoped that as Consumer's needs to do improvements along Gratiot that may affect these lines something could be put in place to insure they are buried

E.-Possible Board Vacancy

Chairman Radewahn informed the DDA that he had talked with Robert Burns and he is no longer with Stanley Steemer and has relinquished his post on the DDA as well as the TTBA. He would however like to have a letter of resignation on file and would request that Watt send a request to stand his position. He felt that the vacancy could then be discussed at the July meeting to see how they will proceed.

11. Reports

- A. Chairperson – None.
- B. Vice-Chairperson – None.
- C. Secretary – None.
- D. Board Member –None
- E. Staff – Wise mentioned some activities that would be taking place in Thomas Township. He noted that today at 5:30 p.m a dedication would be held at the Trailhead Building. The Shields Festival will take place from June 25th through the 28th. On June 27th at 11:00 a.m. the Lions Parade will take place and in the morning prior to that the Eagle's will be having a breakfast. Emeott added that there will also be a motorcycle and car show taking place at the festival. Sika added that the "Trash & Treasures" will be held from June 26th through the 28th with over 100 sales registered. He added that the Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K will also take place on Saturday morning, June 27th prior to the parade.

12. It was moved by Weise, supported by Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Duclos, Secretary