



Downtown Development Authority

THOMAS TOWNSHIP
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
November 30, 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, Weise, Gray, Streeter, Ryder-Petre, Doyle and Burns.
ABSENT: Martin and Duclos.
ALSO PRESENT: Russ Taylor, Township Manager Dan Sika, Director of Community Development and Susan Coggin, 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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8:00 AM, November 30, 2010

- 1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
A. Approve the minutes of the October 26, 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
A. Gratiot Road - Bury Utility Lines along Gratiot Road (South and North Side of Road Comparisons).
10. New Business - None.
11. Discussion
A. Update - Miller Court Streetlight Installation.
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 Gray to approve the minutes of October 26, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments – None.

8. Public Hearing – None.

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Gratiot Road – Bury Utility Lines along Gratiot Road.

Mr. Taylor submitted a project list and preliminary estimates of costs to the DDA members. These proposed projects and estimates were as follows:

1. South side of Gratiot Road, completely relocate utility lines - \$5,537,400.
2. South side of Gratiot Road, bury conduit only - \$996,600.
3. Streetlights along both sides (River to Meijers Drive) – 88 count at 150’ spacing - \$884,400.
4. Streetlights along both sides (River to Meijers Drive) – 44 count at 300’ spacing - \$497,200.
5. North side of Gratiot Road – completely relocate utility lines - \$2,498,723.
6. Relocate overhead lines crossing Gratiot only - \$100,000.
7. Bore conduit in on south side in the future - \$2,300,000.
8. East entrance sign - \$87,200.

Discussion followed among the DDA members. Streeter asked Mr. Taylor why the financing is always figured for seven (7) years? Mr. Taylor explained that this is based on the ability to pay back the money at a rate which was affordable with the money available each year to the DDA. Doyle asked if we knew how much street lighting would cost from Consumers Energy each month and who pays this bill? Mr. Taylor stated that he was not sure of the cost per month; however, there are several ways to have this bill paid each month including but not limited to assessing the cost to the businesses along Gratiot Road or having the DDA pay the bill directly. Doyle stated that she feels the best option at this time would be to install the streetlights along Gratiot Road giving a visible investment for the DDA district.

Motion by Weise, supported by Ryder-Petre, to approve the recommendation as presented in the November 23, 2010 memo from Russ, Taylor, Township Manager, and proceed with the installation of streetlights along Gratiot Road from River Road to Meijer Drive.

10. New Business – None.

11. Discussion

- A. Update: Miller Court Street Lighting Installation Update.

Mr. Sika stated that the installation of the streetlights along Miller Court is completed. It is anticipated that they will be energized and operational with the next thirty (30) days.

12. Reports

- A. Chairperson – None.
- B. Vice-Chairperson – None.
- C. Secretary – None.
- D. Board Members – Mr. Streeter stated that he attended the Kochville Downtown Development Authority open house which was held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Springfield Suites located on Fashion Square Boulevard. He stated that it was a very informative open house with some great networking. Mr. Streeter also passed out the newest edition of the Kochville DDA Newsletter to the DDA members.
- E. Staff - Mr. Taylor stated that the Thomas Township Christmas Train will be operating on Friday and Saturday, December 2, 4, 10 and 11. This is a new fundraiser for the Parks and Recreation Department.

13. It was moved by Streeter, supported by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Duclos, Secretary