



THOMAS TOWNSHIP - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
September 24, 2013 - 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, Gray, Doyle, Weise, Burns, Streeter and Ryder-Petre.
ABSENT: Martin and Streeter.
ALSO PRESENT: 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 a.m., September 24, 2013

- 1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
A. Approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 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
A. Downtown Development Authority Financial Forecast.
B. 2013 Audit Review.
C. Review Proposed Banners
1) Thomas Township Fire Department - Pancake Breakfast/Open House.
2) Thomas Township Parks and Recreation - Haunted Train Ride.
3) Covenant - Covenant Kids Race - "Go the Extra Mile."
11. Discussion
A. Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk.
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 July 9, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Expenditures – Motion by Weise, seconded by Gray 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. Downtown Development Authority Financial Forecast.

Sika presented the DDA members with the financial forecast for the years 2013/2014 through 2019/2020. Discussion followed among the DDA members regarding the future economy of Thomas Township. Duclos stated that he felt the proposed financial forecast is optimistic at best.

Motion by Weise, supported by Ryder-Petre to approve the Downtown Development Authority Financial Forecast 2013/2014 through 2019/2020 as presented. Yeas: Weise, Radewahn, Gray, Ryder-Petre, Doyle and Burns. Nay: Duclos.

B. 2013 Audit Review.

Sika presented the DDA members with a letter from the auditor regarding the 2013 audit review. Discussion followed among the DDA members and the 2013 audit was accepted as presented.

C. Review Proposed Banners.

Sika presented the DDA with renderings for over-the-road banners from the following organizations:

1. Thomas Township Fire Department – Pancake Breakfast/Open House
2. Thomas Township Parks and Recreation – Haunted Train Ride
3. Covenant – Covenant Kids Race – “Go the Extra Mile.”

Discussion followed regarding the Fire Department banner already being up on the poles prior to approval. It was the consensus of the DDA members that no banner may be erected prior to DDA approval.

Motion by Ryder-Petre, supported by Gray to approve the proposed banners as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion

A. Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk.

Sika stated that Thomas Township is currently organizing the first annual “Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K Run/Walk.” This event is to support the continual maintenance and improvements to the Thomas Township Trail. It will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. and will follow the new Thomas Township Trail starting at Sawn Valley High School on O’Hern Road. Awards will be presented to the first and second place finisher in each division.

12. Reports

A. Chairperson – None.

B. Vice-Chairperson – None.

C. Secretary – None.

D. Board Member – Weise requested an update on the replacement of the streetlight that had been hit in front of Wash World some time ago. Sika stated that they have been dealing with the insurance company and the supplier of the replacement parts and it is their hope that it should be replaced soon. Weise also wanted to know if we have had any feedback on the infomercial. Sika stated that it has been distributed to all businesses and the Pure Michigan campaign. He further stated that we have received some good comments on the infomercial.

E. Staff – None.

13. It was moved by Gray, supported by Weise to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Duclos, Secretary