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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
July 26, 2022**

Members Present:

F. Gray
R. Weise
L. Husen
L. McCoy
R. Kretz

Others Present:

D. Sika, Community Dev. Dir.
S. Dorr, Community Dev. Asst.

Absent:

M. Wenglikowski
D. Duclos
K. Kolbe
S. Goward

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Weise, supported by Mrs. McCoy to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mr. Weise, to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022.

VOTE: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Expenditures:

Motion by Mr. Gray, supported by Mrs. Husen, to approve the expenditures as presented.

VOTE: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

A. Review and approve Financial Forecast for the DDA.

Mr. Sika stated that the DDA is required to prepare and approve the financial forecast. The water feature has been added for 2023-2024.

A discussion took place related to where best to locate new DDA-funded improvements. The important thing to remember is that the funds should stay within the DDA District, to draw attention to the businesses and the area to help our businesses succeed. A new farmers market was mentioned which will be opening in Robert's Park which will add traffic to the business district as well. Mrs. McCoy mentioned that the gateway signs east, and west set the outer edge of the district and a water feature will be in the center to make the area more notable. The water feature will most likely be used 7 months of the year from May to November each year then winterized. The DPW will most likely make a lighted Christmas tree display over it during the winter months.

Motion by Mr. Weise, supported by Mrs. Husen to approve the Financial Forecast for the DDA.

VOTE: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 MOTION CARRIED

B. Review and approve Capital Improvement Plan

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mr. Weise to approve the Capital Improvement Plan

VOTE: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 4 MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

A. Update on the Gateway West Sign

Mr. Sika informed the DDA that the gateway west sign is about 75% complete. A discussion took place about how nice it looks and how people have noticed it already.

Reports:

Chairperson- Mr. Gray mentioned the TTBA golf outing taking place on August 8th.

Vice Chairperson- none

Secretary-none

Board Members- none

Staff- None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. by Mr. Fred Gray, Chairman