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THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DR, SAGINAW, MI 48609
MARCH 25, 2025

Members Present:

F. Gray
D. Sommers
R. Kretz
D. Stroebel
L. McCoy
C. Himmelein
K. Kolbe
M. Wenglikowski

Others Present:

D. Sika, Comm. Dev. Director
A. Bicigo, Planning/Zoning Asst.

Members Absent:

S. Goward

Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by McCoy to approve the agenda with the addition of the memo sent by Police Chief Eric Cowles regarding the installation of cameras in the DDA District.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by Sommers, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Expenditures:

Motion by McCoy, supported by Wenglikowski, to approve the expenditures as presented.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

A. Approve Legal Fee for 7-Eleven Fountain Review

Concerns were raised regarding potential safety issues of installing a fountain at the busy intersection of Miller and Gratiot, and the perceived lack of benefits for the DDA District as a whole.

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by Sommers to table the fountain project until more discussion takes place regarding the location and benefits of the fountain.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

B. Proposed DDA District Expansion

Motion by McCoy, supported by Wenglikowski to approve the Letter of Agreement from Spicer Group to assist in the process to expand the boundaries of the DDA District to include the Great Lakes Tech Park, at an estimated cost of \$15,000 - \$17,000.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

C. Planters for the DDA District

Motion by McCoy, supported by Stroebel to purchase and install a total of 8 planters at the corners of Miller and Gratiot, and River and Gratiot, at an estimated cost of \$426.67 + \$120/week for watering.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

D. Approve Over the Road Banner for Touch-a-Truck Event

Motion by Stroebel, supported by Wenglikowski to approve the installation of the Touch-a-Truck banner on the DDA Over the Road Banner system.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

E. Installation of Cameras in DDA District

A memo from Thomas Township Police Chief was presented to the DDA requesting permission to install cameras on the DDA owned streetlights at the intersections of Gratiot and Miller, and Gratiot and River. Funding support was also requested in the memo.

Motion by Stroebel, supported by Wenglikowski to provide up to \$25,000, less any funds raised by the Police Department through grants and other donations, for the installation of cameras at Miller and Gratiot, and River and Gratiot on the DDA owned streetlights. The DDA will also fund any utility costs necessary to operate the cameras.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by McCoy to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED