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THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING 8215 SHIELDS DR, SAGINAW, MI 48609 JULY 22, 2025

Members Present:

- F. Gray
- D. Sommers
- R. Kretz
- L. McCoy
- M. Wenglikowski
- S. Goward

Members Absent:

- K. Kolbe
- D. Stroebel
- C. Himmelein

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Sommers, supported by Wenglikowski to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by McCoy, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2025 meeting.

VOTE: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 MOTION CARRIED

Others Present:

D. Sika, Comm. Dev. Director

A. Bicigo, Planning/Zoning Asst.

Approval of Expenditures:

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

VOTE: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

A. Flowers in the DDA District

The DDA was presented with several options for 2026 to purchase to install more visible flower planters on Gratiot Rd. The DDA members were in favor of the larger planters mounted directly to the light poles. Several members also spoke in support of false flowers instead of real flowers to eliminate the cost of continued watering. Sika explained that an estimated cost would need to be included in the budget for 2026 Capital Improvements.

Motion by McCoy, supported by Wenglikowski to budget \$15,000 for 2026 to purchase and maintain eight light pole mounted planters with fake flowers to be installed on the light poles at the intersections of River and Gratiot as well as Miller and Gratiot.

VOTE: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by McCoy to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

VOTE: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 MOTION CARRIED