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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DR, SAGINAW, MI 48609
AUGUST 18, 2026**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

C. Himmelein
K. Kolbe

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Sommers, supported by Stroebel, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 meeting.

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Expenditures:

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

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

A. DDA Logo

Sika explained that the Township Manager has suggested that the DDA adopt a logo of their own, and that two options created by staff members were being presented. Discussion took place regarding the designs.

B. DDA Grant Program

Sika explained that the Township has done preliminary research on the possibility of offering DDA Façade Improvement Grants, or Low Interest Loans. DDA members agreed that a grant program would be preferred over loans, and instructed staff to research the potential costs, as well as any help available from Saginaw Futures.

C. Approve Assessing Form L-4029

Motion by McCoy, supported by Stroebel to approve Assessing Form L-4029 as presented.

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

D. Tech Park Damaged Streetlight

Sika explained the process to repair or replace damaged streetlights in the DDA district and in the Great Lakes Tech Park, as a light in the Tech Park had been recently damaged by a vehicle.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sommers, supported by Stroebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED