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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DR, SAGINAW, MI 48609
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

K. Kolbe
C. Himmelein
L. McCoy

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 Sommers, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting.

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

Approval of Expenditures:

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

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

Old Business:

A. Update on DDA Expansion

Sika provided an overview of the steps necessary to expand the DDA District to include the four remaining parcels of the Great Lakes Tech Park along with the Township Water Tower parcel. Questions were asked and answered.

B. Flowers in the DDA District

The DDA was presented with a cost breakdown to purchase streetlight mounted flower baskets. An example basket was put together by the Township at the new Community Park, with an estimated cost per basket of \$600-\$700, depending on installation cost.

Motion by Stroebel, supported by Wenglikowski to purchase 54 baskets to be installed on every other streetlight along Gratiot Rd and Miller Ct.

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

C. Review List of Potential Future Projects

A list of potential projects was given to the DDA to review and prioritize. Discussion took place regarding the projects listed and the potential to provide grants to businesses in the DDA for streetscape improvements.

New Business:

A. Approve Assessing Form L-4029

Motion by Stroebel, supported by Wenglikowski to approve Assessing Form L-4029.

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

B. Approve Financial Forecast

Motion by Stroebel, supported by Wenglikowski to approve the Financial Forecast with the addition of the flower baskets and the top five potential future projects.

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

C. TTBA Buy Local Campaign

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by Goward to purchase a full-page ad for the DDA in the TTBA 50th Anniversary Celebration Paper at a cost of \$385.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Wenglikowski, supported by Goward to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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