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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023, 7 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Members Present: R. Iamurri, P. Lynch, D. Sommers, K. Beam, D. Bird, J. Curry, and S. Yockey
Absent: None
Others Present: D. Sika, Community Development Director
B. Collison, Planning/Zoning Assistant
R. Taylor, Township Manager
T. Schultz, DPW Assistant Director

Mr. Iamurri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

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

VOTE 7 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Bird, supported by Mrs. Curry to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting.

VOTE 7 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Hearings

A. Text Amendment to section 3-3-5, Storage of refuse prior to collection

Mr. Sika explained the update of the Text Amendment. He stated that the Amendment to the text was to help deal with the problems that the Township might face when it switches to the new garbage bins. Mr. Sika stated that not much has changed in the text, but it was updated to hopefully make things have a smooth transition. Mr. Iamurri opened the hearing to the public. There was no one from the public to speak so it was closed and voted on. Motion to support by Mrs. Curry, Supported by Mr. Bird.

VOTE 7 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

YEAS: Iamurri, Lynch, Beam, Yockey, Sommers, Bird, Curry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Presentation:

A. Update on the Sewer project

Trevor Schultz from DPW was here to give an update on the projects going on. He stated that the project is in 3 stages, division A, division B, and division C. He said division A is the HSC project and the force main down Geddes. He said that this will be going out to bid here soon and that all the materials are ordered for this project. He said they are still on track to have the project finished by the end of the year with a start date of the end of February or the beginning of March. He then started talking about the update on division B which he stated is the gravity sewer extension. He said that is out for bid as well and all materials are ordered for that project as well. Division C is the rambling acres project. He stated that the materials for this have been ordered so they are ahead on this. Trevor stated that with this project, the pump station will be in the house and they plan on making the house look like it fits into the neighborhood. The goal is to keep the residential aesthetic.

B. Update on new Township Office and new Addition to Fire Station #1

Mr. Taylor talked about the potential upgrades that are going to be happening. He showed the plans for the proposed new Township Office and the new Fire Station #1. Mr. Taylor talked about how the location of the Township office will be moving to where the basketball courts are currently that way the new building and fire station line up. He had plans that showed what the outside of the building will potentially look like and a layout of the insides. He also explained that the Township office will have a new feature of a drive-thru making it more convenient for our residents to drop off taxes or water bills.

New Business:

A. North Business District

Mr. Taylor talked about something that he would like to see in the future of Thomas Township. Mr. Taylor explained that the “North Business District” would be a continuation of Shields Dr through to Kennely Road. He also kind of explained the look that the north business district would have. He stated that it would be something along the lines of having a business on the bottom floor and living spaces on the above floors. He said the building would be 2-3 stories with different kinds of businesses underneath like coffee shops, restaurants, and dentist offices. He thinks that this could be a great thing for the future of Thomas Township.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Yockey, supported by Mr. Lynch to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.