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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
JANUARY 26, 2021**

Present via Teleconference

T. Radewahn

F. Gray

Members Absent

L. McCoy

L. Husen

Others Physically Present

D. Sika, Comm. Dev. Director

C. Watt, Pl. Asst./Cod Enf.

Present via Zoom

D. Duclos (audio issues)

M. Wenglikowski

R. Weise

M. Dense (late)

R. Taylor, Twp. Manager

R. Hopper, DPW Director

Mr. Radewahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference

Approval of Agenda:

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

VOTE: YEAS: WEISE, WENGLIKOWSKI, GRAY, RADEWAHN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MCCOY, HUSEN, DENSE

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Weise, supported by Mr. Gray, to approve the minutes of December 16, 2020.

VOTE: **YEAS: WENGLIKOWSKI, WEISE, GRAY, RADEWAHN**
 NAYS: NONE
 ABSENT: HUSEN, DENSE, MCCOY
 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Expenditures:

A question by Mr. Radewahn regarding the “reimbursement” amount was clarified by Mr. Sika who explained that the reimbursement was for street light poles that have been damaged and replaced. It was also verified again that the “professional services” listed was for the radio advertisement spots in support of local businesses.

Motion by Mr.Gray , supported by Mr. Weise, to approve the expenditures as presented.

VOTE: **YEAS: GRAY, WEISE, WENGLIKOWSKI, RADEWAHN**
 NAYS: NONE
 ABSENT: DENSE, MCCOY, HUSEN
 MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

A. Annual Report to Saginaw County:

Mr. Taylor noted that this is the first time monies are being collected off of the revised agreement with the county. The numbers were reviewed by the assessing department for accuracy and sent to Saginaw County. It is expected that the County may have some response. As of today, there has been none.

B. Update on Retro-Fitting of Gratiot Road Street Lights:

Mr. Rick Hopper, DPW Director spoke regarding the completion of the retro-fitting of the bulbs in the Gratiot Road street light poles. The project actually came in under budget and a special recognition was given to Tyler Branch, a DPW staff member who spent 65 man hours working on the lights. Mr. Taylor added that he'd like to also thank Mr. Hopper and Mr. Sika for a phenomenal job. Approximately \$20,000 for a job that was once believed would be \$300,000. And with this retro-fitting, any burnt out bulbs are easily changed by the DPW utilizing their bucket truck and not having to hire an outside electrician to do more in depth work to get the lights working again. To top it all is the daily compliments regarding how good they look. Mr. Radewahn also added his thanks -a good job by all.

C. Approval of the Gratiot Road Street Light Pole Vertical Banner Calendar:

Mr. Sika explained that a calendar had been sent out in the packets for the vertical banners displayed on the street light poles. It has subsequently been revised to make the installation and removal of the banners more cost effective for Mr. Hopper. The revised calendar is currently being shared on the screen but since all are not attending by Zoom and cannot see it, the calendar will be resent for the next DDA meeting and voted on at that time.

(Dr. Dense came into the meeting via "Zoom")

Reports:

Chairperson-none

Vice Chairperson- none

Secretary-none

Board Members- none

Staff- a potential new DDA member (a resident of the DDA District) was discussed. She will be approached to see if she is interested in being a part of the DDA. Mr. Radewahn did note that if she is in agreement and is going to serve on the Board, he'd like to be able to call her and welcome her service.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.