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**MINUTES**

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**Members Present:**

F. Gray  
R. Weise  
M. Wenglikowski  
L. McCoy  
S. Goward  
D. Duclos  
K. Kolbe  
R. Kretz

**Others Present:**

R. Taylor, Township Manager  
D. Sika, Community Dev. Dir.  
C. Watt, Planning/Zoning Asst.

**Absent:**

L. Husen

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

A moment of silence was taken to honor and remember Tom Radewahn, former DDA Chairman.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Taylor requested an addition to the agenda under "New Business" for discussion of an attenuator for the D.P.W.

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

**VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Mr. Weise, supported by Mr. Duclos, to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021.

**VOTE:            YEAS: 8            NAYS: 0            ABSENT: 1            MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Expenditures:**

Motion by Mr. Duclos , supported by Mrs. McCoy, to approve the expenditures as presented.

**VOTE:            YEAS: 8            NAYS: 0            ABSENT: 1            MOTION CARRIED**

At this time, introductions of the newest DDA Board members, Steve Goward and Kyle Kolbe were made.

### **New Business:**

#### **A. Election of DDA Board Officers**

Due to the recent passing of Chairman, Tom Radewahn, an election of officers is necessary.

The DDA Board collectively discussed the nomination they felt was appropriate which was for Fred Gray who is currently Vice Chairman to now become the Chairman. Mike Wenglikowski was suggested as Vice Chairman with Dave Duclos continuing as Secretary. Motion by Mr. Weise, supported by Mrs. Kretz for Fred Gray to be Chairman, Mike Wenglikowski to be Vice Chairman and Dave Duclos to continue as Secretary.

**VOTE:            YEAS: 8            NAYS: 0            ABSENT: 1            MOTION CARRIED**

## **B. Approval of the 2022 Over-the-Road Banner Calendar**

The calendar that has been prepared for 2022 for the installation and removal of the over-the-road banners was presented to the DDA for review.

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mr. Duclos to approve the 2022 Over-the-Road Banner calendar as presented.

**VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED**

## **C. Approval of the 2022 Vertical Banner Calendar.**

A vertical banner calendar was started in 2021 to show when these banners are being installed and how long they are being displayed. The 2022 calendar was presented to the DDA for review.

Motion by Mr. Duclos, supported by Mr. Wenglikowski to approve the 2022 Vertical Banner Calendar as presented.

**VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED**

## **D. Annual Report to Saginaw County.**

A copy of the letter which is submitted each year to the Saginaw County Treasurer reporting the DDA was presented to the DDA for review and any discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Wenglikowski, supported by Mr. Goward to approve the letter to be sent to the Saginaw County Treasurer, Mr. Tim Novak.

**VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED**

## **E. Discussion of Water Feature Dedication to Tom Radewahn.**

Mr. Taylor noted that the discussion may be a bit premature since the desired location for a water Feature has not been approved by 7-Eleven at the corner of North Miller and Gratiot, however, there has been some positive feedback from the current franchise owner. Mr. Taylor went on to say that he thought it appropriate to dedicate the water feature to Mr. Radewahn since without him there would most likely not be a DDA. He was the driving force behind its creation. And he was in favor of the idea of a water feature to create a focal point for the Township. Mr. Duclos did bring up a point that he felt most definitely Mr. Radewahn needed to be recognized for all of his contributions to the Township and other organizations he was part of but did have concern that all of those who have since passed and those who may in the future be honored in a similar way as not to take away from the importance of anyones work for the Township. He suggested maybe doing some sort of plaque for recognition of any/all who have devoted time, effort, etc to the betterment of the Township and gave their time. Mr. Taylor also mentioned that there was also a thought of doing something for Mr. Radewahn at the Nature Center utilizing

mounts of animals he had at his home from his many “hunts”. It was decided that the DDA would continue to think of possible ideas to honor Mr. Radewahn as well as any others and bring their ideas to the DDA for discussion at a later date.

#### **F. Discussion of the Purchase of an Attenuator.**

Mr. Taylor discussed with the DDA an idea that was brought to him by the Assistant D.P.W. Director, Trevor Schultz. The consideration is for the purchase of an attenuator which would safeguard the D.P.W. workers as they put up Christmas decorations, install and remove both the over-the-road and vertical banners and any other work that is required of them along M-46. The cost is expected to be \$30,000.00 and the request would be for the DDA to pay 1/3 of the cost and then not have to pay for it to be utilized for any DDA related work such as the installation and removal of banners. The cost for each of those occurrences would be estimated between \$300 and \$400 for each event. Over about five years the DDA’s investment would be paid for. The board was in agreement that such a safety feature is a great asset for the D.P.W. workers to utilize and felt that they do a lot of work for the DDA which sometimes they do not get thanked enough for.

Motion by Mr. Wenglikowski, supported by Mr. Duclos to authorize \$10,000.00 towards the purchase of the attenuator for the D.P.W.

**VOTE: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Old Business:**

##### **A. Letter Sent to Dr. Dense-Thank You for Service.**

A copy of the letter of appreciation that was sent to Dr. Michael Dense who recently resigned from the DDA due to his retirement was presented to the DDA Board members.

##### **B. Update on Gateway West sign progression.**

Mr. Sika provided an update on the progression of the sign located at M-46 and M-52. He noted that the footings have been installed as noted in the enclosed photograph and that the contract to build the pillars was awarded to Tri-Valley Construction who are set to do the work as soon as the weather allows. He did also say that the fencing, hardware, signs and arch have all been purchased and are being stored at the D.P.W. garage until the time they can be installed. He is anticipating completion in early Spring.

##### **C. Update on Electrical Box Move.**

An update was given by Mr. Sika on the progress made by Leddy Electric in moving the electrical box located near the Meijer Gas Station. The box will be moved so that pedestrians will not be obstructed from view by it. Consumers is scheduled to move the lines this Spring.

### **Reports:**

**Chairperson-** none

**Vice Chairperson-** none

**Secretary-**none

**Board Members-** none

**Staff-** Mr. Taylor gave an update on the progress of the Nature Center. It was also noted that the “community” build is scheduled for May.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. by Mr. Fred Gray, Chairman