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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
MAY 24, 2022**

Members Present:

F. Gray
R. Weise
L. Husen
L. McCoy
S. Goward
R. Kretz

Others Present:

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

Absent:

M. Wenglikowski
D. Duclos
K. Kolbe

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mrs. Kretz, to approve the minutes of February 16, 2022.

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

Approval of Expenditures:

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

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

New Business:

A. April 2022 Edition of the DDA Newsletter.

A copy of the DDA Newsletter for April 2022 was included in the DDA packet for each member. Mrs. Watt explained that a newsletter had not been sent out in quite some time. This one highlights some of the DDA activities past and present. It was suggested that when the next newsletter is produced that it be sent electronically to those businesses who have given an email address in order to reduce the cost.

B. Repair Cost for Damaged Over-the-Road Banner.

The “Winter Fun in Thomas Township” over-the-road banner which was purchased in 2012 is now in need of repair in order for it to be displayed again. The copy (design) has lifted off the banner. The DDA was presented with a copy to repair the banner and one to replace the banner. It was noted that one of the companies had felt that repair would not be a good option and most likely the adhesive would fail again. After discussion, the DDA decided that they would rather replace the banner and review some new renditions pertaining to winter. These can be brought for review at the next meeting.

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mrs. Husen to approve replacing the “Winter Fun in Thomas Township” over-the-road banner, reviewing some new renditions and then seeking bids to produce a new banner.

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

Old Business:

A. Update on the Gateway West Sign

Mr. Taylor informed the DDA that Tri-Valley has already made the forms for the pillars and if they haven't already, would be pouring the concrete this week. He noted that they have actively been working to get the sign completed now that the materials (stone) they have been waiting on have arrived. If there are no further delays, it is anticipated that Tri-Valley will have their work completed by the beginning of June.

Reports:

Chairperson- Mr. Gray mentioned that there are two functions coming up for the TTBA. The steak fry on June 15th and the golf outing taking place on August 8th.

Vice Chairperson- none

Secretary-none

Board Members- none

Staff- Mr. Taylor gave an update on the community build week and presented photographs of the outlook deck that was completed by volunteers last week. He noted that the week was successful and several businesses sent volunteers to help with the project. Mr. Gray did want to express gratitude from the DDA to Lynda Thayer for all of her hard work and dedication to the Nature Preserve.

Mr. Taylor also mentioned a possible "partnership" between the Fire Department staff and the DDA to bring CPR classes etc. to local businesses. This idea will be discussed further at a later meeting,

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. by Mr. Fred Gray, Chairman