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**MINUTES**

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE/IN-PERSON  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN  
JULY 27, 2021**

**Members Present:**

T. Radewahn  
R. Weise  
L. Husen  
M. Wenglikowski  
M. Dense  
L. McCoy  
D. Duclos  
Absent:  
F. Gray  
R. Kretz

**Others Present:**

R. Taylor, Township Manager  
D. Sika, Community Dev. Dir.  
C. Watt, PI Asst/Code Enf. Officer

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mr. Wenglikowski, to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021.

**VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Expenditures:**

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

**VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED**

### **New Business:**

#### **A. Review & Approval of Capital Improvement Plan/Financial Forecast.**

Mr. Taylor explained that the Capital Improvement Plan for the DDA shows the construction of the Gateway Sign West. He noted that Mr. Sika has been working on locating this new sign at the 7-Eleven located at the corner of Graham and Gratiot Roads. He added that Mr. Sika had finally made contact and that two representatives of 7-Eleven were going to review the site. Hopefully there will be an answer by The next DDA meeting in September as to if the location can be used. The Financial Forecast is now showing some capture of county tax dollars which is a positive note.

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mr. Duclos to approve the Capital Improvement Plan and Financial Forecast as presented.

**VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED**

### **Old Business:**

#### **A. Update on Patriotic Flags for Streetlight Poles.**

The DDA discussed the positive response from the businesses and community members regarding the flags on the streetlight poles. Mr. Taylor extended a thank you to the Community Development Department and DPW staff for all of their efforts in getting the flags purchased and displayed in such a timely manner. Dr. Dense noted that he was able to get four business donations towards the purchase of the flags.

Motion by Mr. Duclos, supported by Mr. Wenglikowski to approve the purchase of the flags and brackets at a cost of \$8,256.65 (donations of \$250.00 will be applied to this cost).

**VOTE:                      YEAS: 7                      NAYS: 0                      ABSENT: 2                      MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Memorial Plaque for Don Emeott.**

Mr. Sika noted that a memorial plaque for Don Emeott has been donated by Michigan Laser Customs and has been mounted at the former Shields Men's Club Pavilion which is now part of Roberts Park. Don's wife, Jan and the family will be present at Roberts Park at 10:00 a.m. today (July 27, 2021) For it's "unveiling". Any DDA members who wish to attend are invited as well.

**Reports:**

**Chairperson-** Mr. Radewahn noted that as discussed at the May meeting, he'd like to see the top three DDA projects brought back with some costs and additional information at the September meeting.

**Vice Chairperson-** none

**Secretary-**none

**Board Members-** none

**Staff-** Mr. Taylor mentioned the progress at the Nature Center and urged the DDA members to stop and take a look at what has been accomplished. Mrs. Watt reminded the members of the "Evening in the Park" event coming up in August.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Mr. Weise with support from Mrs. Dr. Dense to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**VOTE                      YEAS 7                      NAYS 0                      ABSENT 2                      MOTION CARRIED**