



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, October 7, 2019 – Minutes

Members

Present: Susan Fulk, Peter Campbell, Bill Cawood, Will Randle, Supervisor Ron Styka, Jim Spanos and Scott Weaver

Members

Absent: Jim Raynak and Renee Korrey,

Staff

Present: Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Township Manager Frank Walsh, Economic Development Director Chris Buck, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

Others

Present: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Fulk called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER RANDLE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2019

MOTION BY MEMBER CAWOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER WEAVER. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff provided a summary update on the September 2019 Financial Report. Report on file.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

a. Reviewed two Consumers Energy bills 8.2019 and 9.2019 totaling \$166.05.

MOTION BY MEMBER RANDLE TO APPROVE THE CONSUMERS ENERGY BILLS OF \$166.05. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Village of Okemos Progress Report

Member Randle discussed he will be updating via email this week since he has been out of town.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Application for Public Service-Thomas Stanko

Discussed Mr. Stanko's application for public service. He resides in the Tacoma Hills neighborhood and is a former Principal Planner.

MOTION BY MEMBER WEAVER TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR THAT THOMAS STANKO SERVE ON THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RANDLE. MOTION APPROVED 6-1. SUPERVISOR STYKA OBTAINED FROM THE VOTE.

b. Loan Repayment

Discussed making the 2022 principle loan payment of \$25,000 in 2019.

MOTION BY MEMBER WEAVER TO PAY THE 2022 PRINCIPLE LOAN PAYMENT OF \$25,000 EARLY IN 2019 AND ADJUST THE LOAN PAYMENT SCHEDULE. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RANDLE. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Supervisor Styka reported that the 2020 budget was approved including \$2,000,000 for replacement of the Municipal Building HVAC system and \$100,000 for a solar project. The Marketplace on the Green is on target for a spring 2020 opening.

10. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Commissioner Peter Trezise provided a summary of recent Planning Commission activities.

11. CHAIR REPORT

None.

12. STAFF REPORT

Director Buck reviewed the October update of development projects. The DDA will be working on confirming the 2020 Officers, calendar and budget in the upcoming 2019 meetings.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

14. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. November 4, 2019, 7:30am

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8: 15 am.

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