



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, September 9, 2024 – Minutes

Members

Present: Supervisor Hendrickson, Bill Cawood, Renee Korrey, Angela Wright, Tom Stanko, and Don Romain

Members

Absent: Peter Campbell and Ron Sdao

Staff

Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Township Treasurer Phil Deschaine and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

Others

Present: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Stanko called the meeting to order and read the mission statement at 7:30 am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER ROMAIN. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

3. APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2024

Discussion that members present and absent need to be added to the minutes.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HENDRICKSON TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER WRIGHT. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Monthly Financial Report

Director Clark shared the Independent Bank July finances statement. The finances were placed on file.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

A. Consumers Energy Bill September 2024

MOTION BY MEMBER CAWOOD TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$100.93 FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2024 CONSUMERS ENERGY BILL. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER KORREY. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. DDA Logo

Director Clark shared four draft logos that were created by Allegra Printing. She stated the Communications Department liked designs C & D the best. There was discussion amongst the DDA that they preferred designs A & B with the following updates: change the tree to match the deciduous tree in the township logo, make the bridge the green color that it is, no legs on the bridge, change the sun to be more round like the one in design C, and match text to the township logo text.

B. Authorized Signers Independent Bank Account

Director Clark reported that the former Manager needs to be updated with the Interim Township Manager on the account.

MOTION BY MEMBER ROMAIN TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN TO OPEN/CHANGE SIGNATORIES ON THE DDA ACCOUNT. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER KORREY. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

C. Review of Annual DDA Training

Discussion was had around the reading assignments that were given out last meeting as part of an annual training requirement for maintaining our Redevelopment Ready Communities' active status with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The DDA discussed an article entitled Affordable Housing How Small is Too Small. Director Clark mentioned that the township added an ordinance for accessory dwelling units this year. There was a request to bring back to the DDA the percentage of owned housing versus rental housing in the township.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. REPORTS

A. Development Project Updates

The projects were reviewed.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Clark stated she is working with Mr. Turnwald on the DDA clock installation and streetlight removal. Supervisor Hendrickson mentioned that code enforcement is working with the owners of the old hydroponics building to remove the awnings on the building. Treasurer Deschaine announced that the County Treasurer has an interest in doing affordable housing in the township.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. October 7, 2024, 7:30am-Township Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27am without objection.