



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, January 4, 2021 – Minutes

Members

Present: Susan Fulk, Renee Korrey, Scott Weaver, Peter Campbell, Will Randle, Bill Cawood, Supervisor Ron Styka and Tom Stanko

Members

Absent: Jim Spanos and Jim Raynak

Staff

Present: Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, and Township Manager Frank L. Walsh

Others

Present: Trustee Patricia Herring Jackson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER WEAVER.
MOTION APPROVED 8-0.**

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RANDLE.
MOTION APPROVED 8-0.**

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff provided a summary update on the December 2020 Financial Report. Report on file. Chair Fulk requested the Finance Team give an update at the February meeting.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

Chair Fulk stated the December Consumers Energy bill is \$147.55.

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO AUTHORIZE THE DECEMBER PAYMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147.55. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Village of Okemos Progress Report

Director Clark reported that demolition is beginning today with the former Tuba Museum building, followed by the former White Bros. Music building, and then block 2. There will be a public hearing for the project permit amendments on Thursday.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Annual Officer Election

MOTION BY MEMBER RANDLE TO NOMINATE RENEE KORREY AS CHAIR. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO NOMINATE SUSAN FULK AS VICE CHAIR. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER WEAVER. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

MOTION BY MEMBER RANDLE TO NOMINATE PETER CAMPBELL AS SECRETARY/TREASURER. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER KORREY. MOTION APPROVED 8-0.

b. Meridian Township Small Business Grant Relief Program

Director Clark stated that the Township Board held a special Board meeting on December 18th to discuss using \$500,000 of the Meridian Redevelopment Fund to create a second round of small business relief grants. The grant application process was promoted to the community and applications were accepted immediately. To date 68 applications have been received. On Friday, a subcommittee will meet to determine the grant award winners. The following Friday the financial awards will be given with a maximum of \$7,000 per grant.

9. REPORTS

A. Township Board

Supervisor Styka reported the following:

- The Board has been working on the development of the small business relief grants.
- The Board has been confirming appointments and re-appointments to Boards and Commissions.

B. Township Manager

Manager Walsh reported the following:

- The deer management program is doing well this year and is on track to meet its 300 deer goal.
- The \$500,000 used from the redevelopment fund for the grants has been replaced.
- The 2021 local road plan has been approved.
- The Board will be discussing recreational marihuana in the coming weeks.

C. Planning Commission

Director Kieselbach provided a summary of recent Planning Commission activities.

D. Chair Report

Chair Fulk thanked the DDA for the opportunity to serve as Chair. Also, she commented on the great Township masks that were delivered.

E. Staff Report

Director Clark reported that the DDA Annual Report will be an item coming up along with more development projects.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. February 1, 2021, 7:30am

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.