

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jungquist at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the East Tawas City Hall.

Members Present: Brewer, Elliott, Fountain, Jungquist, Mooney, O'Connor, Ruster and Council Representative Klenow.

Staff Present: City Manager Leslie and Director Pasakarnis.

Elliott moved, Fountain seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 regular meeting as presented.

O'Connor moved, Elliott seconded, CARRIED, to approve the TIFA and Construction Fund financial reports as presented.

Director Pasakarnis reported that the Sawyer Street parking lot project is mostly on schedule. Norman Corporation wanted to install bollards along the rear facade of its building but City Manager Leslie did not approve this because it was outside the scope of the parking lot project and City Council approval of the installation of the bollards was contingent on Norman Corporation finishing its building. The Park Board is still interested in purchasing brick pavers for a memorial in honor of Jim Bolen in the waterfront area and Park Manager Frank will work with Director Pasakarnis on the number of brick pavers needed and the payment for the pavers. Director Pasakarnis reported that she is still waiting for information from a Michigan-based company for the new benches.

Tim O'Connor noted that the quality of the new curbing in the Sawyer Street parking lot does not seem to be good. This will be brought to the attention of the contractor and Russo Engineering.

Discussion was held concerning a comment that the City Council may be asking TIFA to pay for the replacement of the sewer line in the Sawyer Street parking lot that was not anticipated as needing to be replaced and was not a part of the project. The final cost of the replacement has not yet been determined. It was the consensus of the members that the cost of the replacement was lowered substantially because of the Sawyer Street parking lot project that TIFA is paying for and hoped that the Council would consider that as TIFA's contribution to the replacement cost.

Director Pasakarnis indicated that at this time there is no action required on hanging baskets or banners.

Director Pasakarnis reported that the Port of Call study is in its final leg. A meeting with the DNRE and Mr and Mrs. Wiltse to review this summer's experience with the Charity Island Excursions will be held in two weeks. There is a possibility that there will be another charter boat next year. She also reported that new software has been purchased to monitor the effectiveness of the marketing dollars spent per zip code and how that money comes back into the economy. The final engineering study is almost complete. Director Pasakarnis reported that the East Tawas harbor is at the top of the list for grant money when it becomes available.

O'Connor moved, Elliott seconded, CARRIED, to continue the financial support of \$750 toward the Pure Michigan - Sunrise Coast partnership for the Summer and Fall 2011 marketing campaigns. Yes: Brewer,

Elliott, Fountain, Jungquist, Mooney, O'Connor and Ruster.

Director Pasakarnis reported that she will be attending three Michigan Port Collaborative workshops to be held in Marquette, Sault St. Marie and Alpena to speak on the Port of Call project.

Director Pasakarnis reported that she will be meeting with the Baldwin Township Downtown Development Authority regarding the US 23 improvement project. Coordinating the two projects may help in the grant process if the two projects are "shovel ready."

City Manager Leslie noted that City officials met with a representative from the US Postal Service Real Estate Division about the possibility of leasing the second floor of the Post Office building for a library. The representative indicated that a lease would be possible but that the Postal Service might also consider selling the building to the City and then leasing the first floor for the Post Office. City Manager Leslie noted that the meeting went very well and something could be happening by Spring 2011.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Helen Pasakarnis
TIFA Director