

City of Marine City
Tax Increment Finance Authority
June 19, 2012

A regular meeting of T.I.F.A. was held in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, and was called to order at 4:00pm by Chairperson Janna Soelter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Soelter.

Present: Chairperson Soelter; Board Members Babchek, Jenken, May, Tisdale and Weisenbaugh; and, City Clerk Kade.

Absent: Board Member Phelan and City Manager Gabor

Approve Agenda

Motion by Board Member Jenken, seconded by Board Member Weisenbaugh, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Board Member Tisdale, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Tax Increment Finance Authority Meeting held May 15, 2012, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

There were no Communications presented.

Public Comment

Patricia Babchek, 251 Superior, Marine City, inquired as to why there were no hanging baskets or flower barrels on M-29 between Belle River Road and West Boulevard. She said it was also like that last year.

Unfinished Business

Marine City Maritime Days ~ Request for Financial Support

Charles Seigneurie, President of Marine City Festival Inc., presented a quote from GT Graphics in Marine City for postcards, brochures, posters, and yard signs promoting the 2012 Maritime Days in the amount of \$3,540.00, and asked for financial assistance from TIFA. Mr. Seigneurie stated that the 15,000 postcards would be distributed in other communities, and the brochures would be placed in local businesses. He reported that the quote also included a 4' x 30' mesh banner to go across the street, which would include the names of the festival's major sponsors.

Detailed discussion ensued by the Board as to the request for financial support, and the funds available.

Board Member Jenken commented that the festival was beneficial to the entire community.

A Motion by Board Member Jenken, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to accept the GT Graphics quote on behalf of Maritime Days, and to split the cost between all three TIFA Districts, was withdrawn.

Board Member Tisdale said he was not comfortable saying that Maritime Days benefitted all of Marine City, and recommended that they take that under consideration when splitting the payment between all three TIFA Districts.

The Board agreed that funding would come from Community Promotion in the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year, and asked that the Invoice be dated after July 1, 2012.

Board Member Weisenbaugh stated that he would abstain from any vote because he served on both the Marine City Festival Board and TIFA Board.

Motion by Board Member Tisdale, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to approve providing financial support to Marine City Festival Inc., as follows: \$1,500.00 from TIFA #1, and the balance split between TIFA #2 and TIFA #3, if allowed; and, if not allowed, to have the entire \$3,540.00 from TIFA #1, for postcards, brochures, posters and signs from GT Graphics of Marine City, as presented. Ayes: Soelter, Babchek, Jenken, Tisdale. Nays: May. Abstained: Weisenbaugh. Motion Carried.

Board Member Jenken requested that Marine City's TIFA and its logo be placed on the sign as a major sponsor of the festival.

New Business

Warning Siren on City Hall

Board Member Jenken provided a photo copy of City Hall just before its original completion, and spoke of the need to have the warning siren on top of the building moved to a new location.

City Clerk Kade reported that City Manager Gabor would be meeting with Fire Chief Slankster later in the week about the warning siren.

Chairperson Soelter commented that they could not proceed with further discussion until City Manager Gabor could present his findings, and asked that this matter be placed on the July Agenda.

Beach Parking

Chairperson Soelter read an email from Board Member Phelan regarding diagonal parking at the beach, and noted that this item was on their list of potential projects. In his email, Board Member Phelan suggested making traffic one-way going north from Broadway on North Water Street to Pearl Street, and Pearl Street becoming one-way traffic travelling west from North Water Street to North Market Street. He also suggested that the "No Parking" sign be removed out of westbound Pearl Street between North Water and North Market Streets. Chairperson Soelter commented about beach-goers parking in front of businesses on Broadway, and said Board Member Phelan had suggested installing "15 Minute Parking Only" signs so that beach-goers would not leave their cars in front of those businesses for several hours. Chairperson Soelter further stated that she was left with several questions for City Manager Gabor on this matter.

Board Member Tisdale said they were all in agreement that there was a need for more parking at the beach.

Board Member Jenken commented that beach parking along the property acquired by the City on North Water Street may be possible, but he did not want the City to lose the tree on the property by making the cut.

Chairperson Soelter inquired about additional parking on Pearl Street where the other City property had been acquired, and said they could still allow for alot of the green area.

Board Member Weisenbaugh commented that the beach was not in a TIFA District.

Board Member Tisdale responded that these were just ideas that were being kicked out to various organizations in the City; and, that he realized that it would not be a project funded by TIFA.

Board Member May noted that this property was, however, adjacent to TIFA #1.

Discussion ensued about parking issues, and the need for additional municipal parking.

Broadway Streetscape Invasive Plant

Judee Jobin addressed concerns with the ground cover that was planted in the Broadway Streetscape by a non-local landscaper, and of which they had no input. She said the plant, which can spread six to eight feet, was probably used because of its tolerance of salt. Mrs. Jobin said the groundcover was also choking out the other plants. She asked if they do nothing, and let the City do something about the plantings. Mrs. Jobin also reported that because of the sprinkler system the plants needed to be removed by hand.

Mrs. Jobin reported that Marine City Nursery had provided a verbal quote of \$400.00 to remove the invasive plants. She asked if this was a project City Manager Gabor would like the Department of Public Works to do; and continued that in the event DPW did not have the time or manpower to remove the plants, the situation would continue to worsen. Mrs. Jobin asked if TIFA could help out with the cost of the hand-removal of the invasive plants if it was not done by the Department of Public Works.

As Chairperson of the MC Garden Club, Mrs. Jobin said they could afford to replace the plants for the City, and said they would like to re-plant hydrangeas in the streetscape. Mrs. Jobin asked if she should go to City Manager Gabor first.

Board Member Jenken commented that it would also be nice to put in a walkway in the streetscape for people who park along Broadway and need to cross from one side to the other. He noted that you could see a path where citizens walk through the streetscape.

Additional discussion continued on the type of walkway needed. It was agreed that this was not a TIFA matter.

Mrs. Jobin was asked to provide the invoice from Marine City Nursery for the next meeting.

Motion by Board Member Weisenbaugh, seconded by Board Member Tisdale, to pay \$400.00 to have the invasive plants removed from the Broadway Streetscape pending approval by City Manager Gabor. Ayes: Soelter, Babchek, Jenken, Tisdale, Weisenbaugh. Nays: May. Motion Carried.

Financial Business

Invoice Approval

Motion by Board Member Weisenbaugh, seconded by Board Member Tisdale, to approve Grease Cutter's Invoice #052112 in the amount of \$320.00 for the repair of eight plant hangers for flower hanging baskets, as follows:

- \$106.66 from TIFA #1
- \$106.67 from TIFA #2
- \$106.67 from TIFA #3

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Board Member Weisenbaugh, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to approve The Monahan Company Invoice #8753 in the amount of \$238,788.74 for design and construction work completed through May 31, 2012 for the 300 Broadway Exterior, as follows:

- \$ 79,596.25 from TIFA #2
- \$159,192.49 from TIFA #3

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

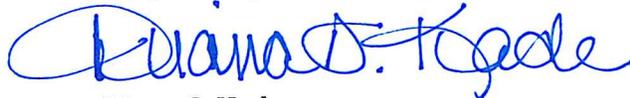
Preliminary Financial Statements

Motion by Board Member Weisenbaugh, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to accept the Preliminary Financial Statements for April 2012, and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Tisdale, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to adjourn at 5:10 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana S. Kade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diana" being the most prominent part.

Diana S. Kade
City Clerk