

**City of Marine City
Tax Increment Finance Authority
July 17, 2012**

Board Member Scott Tisdale was sworn into office by City Clerk Diana Kade before the meeting was called to order.

A regular meeting of T.I.F.A. was held in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, on Tuesday, July 17, 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, Phelan and Tisdale; City Manager Gabor; and, City Clerk Kade.

Absent: Board Member Weisenbaugh

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by Board Member May, seconded by Jenken, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Tax Increment Finance Authority Meeting held June 19, 2012, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

There were no Communications presented.

Public Comment

Rosalie Skwiers, 211 Michigan Drive, Marine City, commented about the perennials in the Broadway Streetscape, and said they should be divided after a period of time; and, said she felt it would be a waste of money to spend removing the invasive plants in question.

Unfinished Business

Warning Siren on City Hall

City Manager Gabor presented a summary for a warning system installation for the City of Marine City by West Shore Services, Inc. of Allendale, Michigan. The recommendation was to install one siren unit at the rear of the Fire Hall, and the second unit to be installed on Thompson Drive adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plan.

City Manager Gabor stated that the proposed sirens would rotate on top of 50-foot poles, and would provide better coverage to the South end of town. He said they would have generator back-ups. City Manager Gabor continued that the installation would include the removal of the current sirens. The cost to furnish, deliver and install the sirens, including two-way digital status monitoring and all necessary options, was \$39,800.00.

Board Member Phelan commented that he assumed that the proposal was being presented to the TIFA Board because the City wanted TIFA to pay for it.

Commissioner Lisa Hendrick, a member of the Marine City Area Fire Authority, addressed the Board and said she had spoken with the Fire Chief. She said the fire department did not recommend these sirens because of the pitch and rotation; and, said they preferred the multi-directional sirens. Commissioner Hendrick noted that FEMA offered grants for sirens; and, if they obtained a grant, it could save the spending of TIFA dollars.

City Manager Gabor commented that these sirens were preferred in Michigan for emergency warnings by most; and, he was not sure if grant monies were available as he had not looked.

Chairperson Soelter said she would like to table further discussion so that she could do her own research.

Board Member Tisdale noted that this discussion began because they did not like the siren on the city hall building, and then the matter migrated into the replacement of the two sirens. He said he was not comfortable with the presentation at this time.

Board Member Phelan asked if anyone had any knowledge of the sirens used by the surrounding area communities. He said he was concerned that the consultant was the same vendor selling the product.

Board Member May questioned if the system would become obsolete in the future.

Board Member Babchek stated that the City needed to look to see if there were grant monies available.

Commissioner Hendrick suggested that TIFA speak with the Fire Chief about the current system versus the proposed system.

Broadway Streetscape Invasive Plant

Chairperson Soelter referred to Recreation Director Lynn Zyrowski's Memo that stated she was unable to secure community service volunteers to work on the Broadway Streetscape project. Chairperson Soelter said she was concerned with the nature of the plant, which was choking out other plants.

Board Member Phelan commented that Marine City Nursery's quote, as presented by Judee Jobin at the last meeting, to remove the invasive plants for \$400.00 was a very good proposal.

Chairperson Soelter also reiterated that Judee Jobin, on behalf of the MC Garden Club, said they would replant the streetscape at their own expense.

New Business

Sub-Committee Report

Board Member Phelan provided a list prioritizing projects of ideas for TIFA. He said no prices were obtained, and they had not done any research on the projects. Board Member Phelan asked that the Board Members look at the list, and that they would include it on a future Agenda when a project was determined.

Chairperson Soelter commented that beach parking was a problem.

Board Member Phelan responded that they were not ready to incur costs for people walking only two blocks to the beach. He said it did not seem to be a pressing issue at this time.

Financial Business

Preliminary Financial Statements

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

Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Babchek, seconded by Board Member Tisdale, to adjourn at 4:45 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana S. Kade". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Diana S. Kade
City Clerk