

**City of Marine City
Tax Increment Finance Authority
January 19, 2016**

A regular meeting of T.I.F.A. was held in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, and was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairperson May.

After observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson May.

Present: Chairperson May; Board Members Babchek, Bryson, Lepley, Seigneurie, and Tisdale; City Manager Leven; City Clerk Baxter

Absent: Board Member Weisenbaugh

Motion by Board Member Lepley, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to excuse Board Member Weisenbaugh from the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Agenda

The following items were added to the Agenda:

New Business

Item #9-B Strategic Communication Solutions ~ Year End Report for 2015
Item #9-C 2016 Flower Program

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

Approve Minutes

Motion by Board Member Seigneurie, seconded by Board Member Tisdale, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Tax Increment Finance Authority Meeting held November 17, 2015. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Board Member Lepley, seconded by Board Member Seigneurie, to approve the Minutes of the Special Tax Increment Finance Authority Meeting held December 7, 2015, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

None.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Beautification Program

No information was available to be presented. Board Members requested that the item be placed on the February 16, 2016 Agenda for discussion.

Strategic Communication Solutions ~ Year End Report for 2015

The Year End Report for Strategic Communication Solutions was discussed with City Manager Leven providing updates for the Inn on Water Street and the Safe Routes to School Grant.

Board Member Lepley brought up the Detroit Gasket property and inquired if grants might be available to clean it up.

2016 Flower Program

Due to a 30% price increase from the past grower, Jeanne Frank and the Marine City Garden Club, presented the Board with two quotes for flower baskets and plants to fill the city's whiskey barrels. Both quotes had similar pricing and the Board left the decision up to the Garden Club to choose what greenhouse they would contract with. Mrs. Frank said the Garden Club would look at downsizing the number of baskets and barrels planted, if the TIFA Board was unable to help them as they had in the past.

After a long discussion, the Board made the decision to approve \$4,000.00 initially, so the growers could get the plants started. Permission was given to the Garden Club to come back and ask for consideration of more funding, if necessary.

Motion by Board Member Lepley, seconded by Board Member Tisdale, to approve an initial allotment of \$4,000 to the Marine City Garden Club for their 2016 Flower Program, to allow the contracted greenhouse to begin growing the plants. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Financial Business

Invoice Approval

Motion by Board Member Lepley, seconded by Board Member Tisdale, to approve US Bank Invoice #4118375 in the amount of \$150.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Board Member Seigneurie, seconded by Board Member Bryson, to approve Strategic Communication Solutions Invoice #9999 in the amount of \$5,000.00, and Invoice #10006, in the amount of \$5,000.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Board Member Bryson, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to approve Friends of City Hall Invoice, dated 12/18/2015, in the amount of \$2,000.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Statements

Motion by Board Member Lepley, seconded by Board Member Babchek, to accept the Preliminary Financial Statements for October and November, 2015, as presented, and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Babchek, seconded by Board Member Seigneurie, to adjourn at 4:44 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Baxter

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City Clerk