## City of Reading, MI

## **Tax Increment Finance Authority**

## February 27, 2023

The regular meeting was held at Reading City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by vice chair Chuck Hartshorn.

Roll call found Hartshorn, Gollnick, Matthews, Bartels, and Stump present. Also present was Kimberly Blythe, City Manager. Hartshorn made a motion, seconded by Matthews, to excuse Penney. Motion carried 5-0. Guests included Tom Beste, BCC Agriculture.

Gollnick made a motion, seconded by Bartels, to approve the January minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements**—Blythe shared information on the Treasurer's Report. Gollnick made a motion, seconded by Matthews, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Absent Penney.

**Pay Operating Bills**—Matthews made a motion, seconded by Gollnick, to approve payment of bills of \$4610.37. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Absent Penney.

Total Cash \$582,832.90

**Public Comments**—None

**Old Business/Ongoing Business—A.** 116 Michigan, Opera House, is being cleaned out. Brenda Rigdon is continuing to conduct.

B. Industrial Park-Gillispie Trucking LLC—With some discussion about timelines, Gollnick made a motion, seconded by Matthews, to update the purchase agreement to allow Gillispie Trucking to complete Phase2 of the project by December 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote. Penney absent.

Gollnick made a motion, seconded by Hartshorn, to allow the chairperson, secretary, or treasurer to sign any paperwork involved in the purchase agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

C. BBC Agriculture/Response to Attorney Letter—Tom Beste shared information. The excavator is here to move the dirt as per last month's discussion. Paperwork is to go to the City Manager tomorrow. Besides concrete there are roof issues. It needs to be replaced. There is a lawsuit in process which needs resolution before much further progress can be taken. Tom shared a packet with commission members about the suit and counter suits. Court decisions will dictate progress. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Gollnick, that the timeline be reviewed month by month by TIFA so the progress and legal issues can be monitored. Motion carried 5-0. Blythe will update the commission at meetings.

**New Business**—A. Approval of Chipseal/Fog seal at Enterprise Drive—the City received a \$19,300 bid. Gollnick made a motion, seconded by Hartshorn, to get on a list and secure a quote with the Hillsdale County Road Commission. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Penney absent.

B. Closed Session to discuss property purchase—no action at this time. C. Next meeting—March 27, 2023. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Stump, to adjourn at 8:00. Motion carried 5-0.