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Regular Meeting February 24th, 2025

Regular TIFA meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

Roll Call found M. Matthews, A. Miller, F. Oddou, H. Tunis, W. Bartels & C. Hartshorn present.

Absent: C. Penney

Guests: Ben Wheeler, Grace VanCamp & Noris Shaba

Approval of Minutes: Motioned by M. Matthews and second by W. Bartels

Treasurer's Report: Motioned by A. Miller and seconded by M. Matthews

Pay Operating Bills: Motioned by M. Matthews and second by A. Miller to pay bills in the amount of \$9357.81

Roll Call – 6-0 Votes to approve.

Public Comments and Communication Items: None

Old Business:

- A. Art Alley -129 S. Main St. - A motion was made by W. Bartels and second by M. Matthews to approve the bid submitted by Bracy and Jahr Inc out of Quincy Michigan in the amount of \$13,290.00 for the Brick repair and pointing.

Roll Call – 6-0 Votes to approve

- B. Cherry St. Parking lot - A motion was made by M. Matthews and second by F. Oddou to approve the bid submitted by Watkins Fence in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase and Installation of White Vinyl fencing.

Roll Call – 6-0 Votes to approve

- C. Opera House – 1. Sanitation: A motion was made by A. Miller and second by H. Tunis to approve the bid submitted by Steri – Clean out of Plymouth Michigan in the amount of \$12,400 to Scrub and vacuum all 8 rooms/floors that may be salvageable with hydrogen peroxide.

Roll Call – 6-0 Votes to approve

- 2. Brick Repair/Pointing: A motion was made by M. Matthews and second by A. Miller to approve the bid submitted by Bracy and Jahr from Quincy Michigan in the amount of

\$5985 and up to \$10,000 to repair and repointing the front façade of the Opera House and store front. Roll Call – 6-0 Votes to approve

- D.** Art Alley Group – A meeting and group has been formed and will meet at the City Hall on Wednesday February 26th at 4:30 pm

New Business:

- A.** Rules of Procedure (By-Laws) Update – This was discussed in the planning Commission portion of the meeting

- B.** Business Incentives

- a. Façade Grant update: Updated to show maximum amount of \$10,000 for the Downtown Façade Improvement Program.
- b. POS/Digital Marketing Incentive Grant: Approval for the grant proposal as presented for the Smart POS & Digital Expansion Incentive for the \$23,000 total allotted.
- c. Business Attraction Grant: Approve up to \$10,000 that is eligible.

A motion was made by M. Matthews and second by H. Tunis to move forward with the 3 Business Incentives presented.

Roll Call – 6-0 Votes to approve

- C.** Reading Chamber of Commerce – A motion was made by A. Miller and second by M. Matthews to approve a \$5000 sponsorship to the Reading Chamber of Commerce

Roll Call – 6-0 Votes to approve

Public Comments: None

Comments from Members: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by W. Bartels and second by M. Matthews. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting is on the calendar for March 24th 2025 @ 6:30 pm