

Filer Township DDA Proposed Minutes

August 18, 2015 4:30pm

Filer Township Hall

2505 Filer City Road, Manistee, MI 49660

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Chairperson	Laura Horvat
Vice-Chair	Robert Yates
Treasurer	Tim Fogarty
Supervisor	Terry Walker
Member	Tony Gagliardo
Member	Connie Grenn
Member	Phil Peralta
Member	Ed Williams
Member	Larry Bielski
Director	Tamara Buswinka

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Horvat at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Horvat, Yates, Walker, Gagliardo, Williams, Bielski

Members Absent: Grenn (excused), Fogarty (excused), Peralta

Others Present: Tamara Buswinka, Director

Consideration of Minutes from July 7, 2015

Walker moved, supported by Gagliardo, to approve the minutes from July 7, 2015 with one correction replacing the word "County" with "City". Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report.

Chairman's Report

No Chairman's report.

Supervisor's Report

Walker discussed the contract for Holiday lights on the street poles along US31. The Board discussed various options and scenarios. The Board decided to place lights, garland, and a red bow on the poles from Stronach Road to 12th Street and on Red Apple Road. All agreed that the tree at the northeast corner of Merkey Road and US31 should be lite and decorated.

Yates moved, supported by Bielski, to light, place garland, and a bow on the 36 street light poles from Stronach Road to 12th Street on US31 and on the street light poles on Red Apple Road as well as decorating with lights the tree at the northeast corner of Merkey Road and US31 for a price not to exceed \$3000.00 and pending the availability of electricity. Motion passed unanimously.

Waste Water Collection and Treatment Development Reports

Horvat requested that the Board:

1. Thoroughly read and re-read the contract as submitted by Eric Williams titled "Agreement for the Collection and Treatment of Wastewater Filer Charter Township-City of Manistee".

2. Horvat requested that the Board members write on the contract distributed "Revision 8.18.15" to avoid confusion in the future as drafts are written and reviewed.
3. Horvat requested that Board members submit their questions, changes, additions to Walker by the end of the day August 25th so that the attorney can address the issues in time for the September 1st meeting. Township Board members are also requested to submit their comments to Walker by August 25th. It is the Boards desire to vote on the contract at the September 1 meeting.

The Board agreed the proper course of action is to not send the contract to the City of Manistee until it is formally reviewed and approved by the Township.

The Board discussed and agreed to pay Abonmarche the \$10,000.00 that they are fining the Township in order for the Township to procure the original waste water collection system engineering designs. The Board reviewed Wade Trim's recommendation on best practices within the engineering field and attorney Eric Williams advice regarding litigation to conclude that while Abonmarche's request is not "best practice" litigation would be timely and costly and therefore will pay the fee.

Gagliardo moved, supported by Yates, to pay the \$10,000.00 to Abonmarche for the waste water collection system engineering drawings that they originally prepared with the stipulation that Brian Sousa inspects the plans prior to paying the fee to ensure that the drawings are complete. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Horvat, Yates, Walker, Gagliardo, Williams, Bielski No: None
Motion passes.

Director's Report

Buswinka informed the Board that during the month of September MSU students will be visiting Filer Township as they are using the Township as their case study for their graduate level economic development course.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Gagliardo moved, supported by Walker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Motion passes unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting Tuesday September 1, 2015 at 4:30pm

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