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Board Work Session Meeting Minutes November 23, 2022

Call to Order – Ms. McGuire called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held at SHORELINE PLAYERS 6000 N. Skeel Ave. Oscoda, MI 48750.

Roll Call – Board Members Present: [Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wusterbarth, Mr. Palmer, Ms. McGuire]
Board Members Absent: Mr. Cummings, Mr. Spencer, Ms. Richards
Others Present: [Ms. Kline.]

Public Comment –

Cathy Wusterbarth – I hope you get to the Lagoon Discussion today. Concerns at last meeting to the relationship with the Airforce. Slip lining only being done on one broken section when I believe we had more requested. Contamination at Ken Ratliff Park is now being looked at for remediation. I am asking the Township to Partner with NOW on these issues to get the action we need.

Review of All Budget Documents –

Bill Palmer - Question on Levy, are the rates correct? The presented rates are correct according to the Assessor. Bill is coming up with a seven percent increase to which we can only charge at 5 percent. If last year was higher that would explain increase on this year.

Discussion on ARPA funds – Look at the handicap boat launch project with a cost around \$70,000.000.

EIC Budget - Todd Dickerson – All of Todd's funds are requested to be in 236, looking at creating a fund line for just EIC funds. 801 has \$50,000.00 for façade grants and art projects downtown. 236 is for any consultants or MEDC match for grants. MISC holds the Place Leap funds. 250 Land Purchase of \$130,000.00 for possible land purchase for development. 801- Funds left in for consultants in fund that pays Todd. F&V may be hired for consulting on Brownfield. The EIC wants a Place Leap refresh to update of plan, \$25,000.00 needed but I am working on obtaining Technical Grants from MEDC to cover cost. I would like to pursue grant funding to expand our current industrial on the base. Does the Perimeter property qualify for Brownfield funds? It could, but it takes

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more time to get funds to start the project. Do other areas qualify for Brownfield on the base? There are lots of ways to make a property qualify for Brownfield. Most people do not have 12 to 18 months to wait, they want to start now. If we can get utilities and infrastructure on the base for development of lots, we would be ready for development.

Bill Palmer - Contingency funds are there to cover unexpected costs. Contingency funds added to other departments.

Still holding the lease for the VA as Mr. Lee is working on his SAM registration to take over the contract. 2 months of revenue and funds for the VA.

Code Enforcement – Hiring another officer and moving Code Enforcement to the Police Department so it is addressed on a full-time basis daily.

Fund Balance OWAA – Fund balance included in the budget for 2023, we are the pass through for the LDF. Jamie did this to allow checking to balance with the accounts as the funds will be dispensed in 2023. Adjustments will need to be made on our end.

Question on 1.8 million move – Steve. Answer Jamie – Investment was cashed in and deposited into general fund which Treasurer has the authority to do. Steve – Would like to review and set limit for funds moved when over budget or when past years expenses are paid.

CWSRF/Sewer/Water – Letter of intent submitted for funds that will come in for 2024. Add contingency for engineers/contractors in the amount of \$30,000.00, Sewer \$30,000.00, and \$20,000.00 for Water. Meter Pit update, projected to be available in March. Strategic planning session should look at Meter Pits as they are only changed when new meter is needed going forward. Water loss occurring in between road and house where meters are currently installed.

Fire Building cost needs to be adjusted – 25k.

Lagoon Discussion – As this is a priority, I am disappointed in how board are is handling this. I want documentation on every meeting and a trustee to attend these meetings which I will be making a motion at the next meeting. Discussion on clean up of beds at the Lagoon. Issue at Hanger 7 needs to be resolved before we can look at cleanup in the beds at the Lagoon.

Public Comment –

Cathy Wusterbarth – The points I've made are that we need to be transparent. We should document all conversations. Consider adding legal fees to water and sewer. EGLE, concerned with plume in beds. Asking that Tim be included in all meetings with Airforce.

Adjourn – Ms. McGuire made a motion to adjourn at 10:32 a.m.



Ann Richards
Supervisor
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton
Clerk
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