

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9 2021**

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Van Buren Township residents; the meeting was called to order by Chairman Dotson at 2:07 p.m. via Virtual Meeting (ZOOM):

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Dotson, Medlen, Covington, Peters, Delaney, Armstrong, McNamara.

**Absent:** Williams, Cortese, Schreiber.

**Staff:** Dan Selman (Executive Assistant), Tina Grishaber (Recording Secretary).

**Additional Present:** Powers, Best.

**Moderator:** Ryan

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:** by Peters support by Covington to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of March 9<sup>th</sup> as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Peters support Armstrong to approve the regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021 as Presented.

**Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Marketing/Community Outreach Update**

Mr. Selman informed the committee about outreach update with representatives from Grace Lake. The meeting went well and there was a scheduled follow up meeting with the Marketing sub-committee. Chairman Dotson agreed the meeting had a positive discussion. There was a general discussion about ways to collaborate, about zoning aspects, also to see what types of development would be great for the site.

Mr. Best informed the committee that Dan Power (Director of Building/Planning/Economic Development) has been working diligently on the Ecorse Rd. Corridor and Willow Run Airport. A presentation on development at Willow Run Airport is posted to YouTube, accessible on the Township's website.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Informational Meeting/2020 LDFA Synopsis of Activities per PA 57.

Mr. Selman gave a Synopsis of Activities per PA 57 to the committee.  
Tax Increment Revenues Not Expended Within Five (5) Years of Receipt.

As specified in the annual audit, the LDFA's primary focus is the payment of debt obligations and all resources are focused on payment of existing debt. The original Developer refuses to complete their obligation to pay back the Bonds. As detailed in the loan agreement, the LDFA has agreed to pay interest on the Township's shortfall payments until they are reimbursed at an annual interest rate equal to the average interest rate that the Township is earning on the investment of its general fund monies. The LDFA will continue to pursue legal action against the original developer pursuant to the shortfall.

In 2020, no major promotional events were held due to Covid-19.

**Motion:** by Delaney supported by Covington on the approval of the update at Grace Lake.

**Motion: Carried.**

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

The Township launched a new Van Buren Township Website last month. Mr. Selman encouraged members to check out the site.

Chairman Dotson commended Supervisor McNamara and staff for doing a great job in all the with building and technology updates and moving forward for the residence in Van Buren Township.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Delaney supported by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Grishaber  
Recording Secretary