



**MINUTES**  
**TIFA Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 16, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Morgan Heinzman called the TIFA meeting to order at 7:00 am. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Presiding officer: Morgan Heinzman

Secretary: Kim Goodin

Present: Mark Brock (arrived at 7:04 am), John Buckley Jr., Jake Cooper, Ed Fedell, Mary Franklin, Ben Gilpin, Morgan Heinzman, Chad Miller, Tom Postma, Andy Rusk, Chris Wren

Absent: Bryce Cronk, Blake Prewitt

Also Present: Jon Schneider, City Manager/TIFA Director, Kim Goodin, Secretary

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Fedell to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Wren to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Postma to reappoint Heinzman as TIFA/LDFA Chair and Buckley Jr. as Vice-Chair of the TIFA/LDFA Board. AIF/MC

Motion by Miller, second by Fedell to approve the 10/17/2025 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Postma to approve Resolution T2026-01 setting the TIFA/LDFA meeting dates for 2026. AIF/MC

Schneider stated that a Stream and Chamber update was included in packets. He said that the Chamber was hosting a Legislative Round-Table on February 9, 2026 from 7:30 am-9:30 am at the museum and sign-up information was included in packets.

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budgets included in packets stating that the budget reflects six months of activity and overall the budget is right where it should be. He stated that the "Contracted Services" expenditure line included expenses for the Brooks Street Sidewalk & Storm Sewer Main Replacement projects that were completed this past fall. He mentioned that LDFA funds originally budgeted for a potential service road between Cooperative Center Drive and East Street may be redirected toward the Muskegon River Holdings (MRH) land purchase or infrastructure, as the property entryway is within the LDFA District.

A picture of the completed Library Circulation desk had been included in packets and Franklin said that the funding was provided by TIFA, FACF, and Great Lakes Energy.

Schneider stated that a project update sheet was included in packets and gave updates on many completed, current and future projects. He said that the downtown Sewer System has more capacity since the completion of the Wood St. water and sewer main project. Schneider provided a projected completion date for the Pocket Park and said that the City expects to close on the MRH property within the coming months.

Motion by Wren, second by Buckley Jr. to approve revised TIFA Special Projects Budget including funding of \$337,000 for the Pocket Park Project at 8 State Rd. Roll Call: Yeas: Brock, Buckley Jr., Cooper, Fedell, Franklin, Gilpin, Heinzman, Miller, Postma, Rusk, Wren Absent: Cronk, Prewitt Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Schneider stated that the Pocket Park Project bids came in higher than anticipated and he and Fedell discussed the funding of the Pocket Park stating that a local individual was going to donate \$110,000 towards the Pocket Park Project. Schneider said that Budget Detail Sheets were included in packets and discussed “Special Project” expenditure line stating that funds had been reallocated to increase the amount of funding towards the Pocket Park Project.

Heinzman and Schneider discussed the Muskegon River Holdings property acknowledging that its development will require creative planning over several years, specifically regarding infrastructure requirements.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Miller commended the new sidewalks along Mundy Ave and Brooks St.

Franklin provided updates on the Library’s exterior book drop and summer reading program.

Buckley Jr. gave an update on a building in Fremont that Gerber Federal Credit Union would be purchasing in the near future.

Wren gave an update on interview process for Economic Development Director Newaygo County Position.

Postma complimented the downtown holiday lighting. Schneider credited the PSD Board and DPW for working together on the addition of lights around the light poles.

Gilpin thanked the City for providing pine trees for the elementary school; which the students decorated for the Christmas season.

Heinzman thanked Fedell and Armstrong, former City Mayor and former TIFA Chair, for their work on the Muskegon River Holdings property.

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Fedell to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 am. AIF/MC

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Kim Goodin, TIFA Secretary