

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
South Drake Road Corridor Improvement Authority (SoDA)
February 13, 2015

SoDA Board meeting was held at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Theresa Spurr at 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Spurr, Chair
Deb Jung, Secretary
Dennis Patzer, Treasurer
Corey Ashley
Joe Gesmundo
Kelly Bringman
Libby Heiny-Cogswell

Also present were Planning Director Greg Milliken, Township Attorney James Porter, and Township Clerk Deb Everett, acting as Recording Secretary.

SoDA Board Members Theresa Spurr and Dale Shugars, Kalamazoo County Representative were sworn in.

Election of Officers

A slate of officers was proposed.

Chair – Theresa Spurr
Vice Chair – Corey Ashley
Secretary – Deb Jung
Treasurer – Kelly Bringman

Motion by Shugars, second by Ashley to approve the slate of officers as presented. Carried 7-0.

Minutes

Motion by Ashley, second by Bringman to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting. Carried 7-0.

Public Comment

None.

Review Duties/Activities Since Last Meeting

Planning Director Milliken reviewed work completed or in process since the Board last met. He noted an agreement had been reached with Kalamazoo County regarding the Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIF); the County adopted a policy as to their rate of participation. He noted discussions with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and MDOT are ongoing regarding non-motorized facilities for Drake Road with progress made reaching an agreement with KCRC regarding development of such a facility; pursuing funding methods through MDOT or other agencies will continue.

Discussion – County Participation on SoDA Board

Mr. Milliken noted the agreement reached with Kalamazoo County included the seating of a County representative on the SoDA Board – County Commissioner Shugars will fill that role. Mr. Shugars inquired and was advised of various issues that have been and will be before the SoDA Board.

Discussion – Priorities and Budget Development for 2016

Mr. Milliken noted the SoDA Development Plan has a list of projects, due to the change in the funding policy, revenue will be more limited. Revenue will be received in 2016. Therefore, the Board will need to discuss and prioritize projects and prepare a 2016 budget during the year as the Township Board begins their budget work for 2016.

Consensus was to schedule a next meeting within the next couple of months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Deb Everett
Recording Secretary