

**CITY OF INKSTER
TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
(TIFA)**

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Inkster TIFA was held on **February 9, 2017**, in the Inkster City Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan.

A quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Abiolu, Vice Chairperson M. Weislo, Treasurer Akinyemi, Secretary Nwankwo and Directors Abiolu, Johnson (6:42 pm), Onomake and D. Weislo

Absent: Nolen

Others in attendance: Darin Carrington, Treasurer
Nate Ford, Economic Development Director
M. Jeannie Fields, Director of Special Projects
Councilman Clarence Oden

Public in Attendance: Terrance Campbell, David Egenyong and C. Hayford

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Akinyemi, Seconded by Onomake to adopt the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF December 8, 2016

MOVED by Akinyemi, Seconded by Onomake to adopt the Minutes of December 8, 2016 **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (Non-Agenda Items) – None.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Revenue and Expenditures Report Ending January 31, 2017

Mr. Carrington reviewed a report concerning the drop in tax collection for the previous 2 years. There was a 44% drop in revenue from the last fiscal period.

The following questions were posted and require follow up:

1. What is driving the drop in revenue?
2. What is going to TIFA from the General Fund?
3. Where are the TIFA funds going?
4. What are the two bonds that TIFA owes?

Mr. Carrington will provide an amortization schedule for the bonds.

MOVED by M. Wieslo, Seconded by D. Weislo to Receive and File the Treasurer's Report. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Entrepreneur Empowerment Program – Collaboration w/the Inkster DDA, Inkster Downtown Development Corporation, Inkster EDC/TIFA, Inkster chamber of Commerce and QT Business Solutions.

The program will include:

- 10 Inkster business owners (or owners who would like to move into the city)
- Training – 6 weeks
- Financial assistance and assistance with a business plan
- No cost to owner (presently)
 - Pilot program
 - In the future, grants funds will be sought to fund the program
- Projected start – Fall of 2017
- Businesses will be interviewed to see if they meet the program requirements

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by Terrance Campbell of Your Center on Cybersecurity Readiness and Workforce

- B. Update on Inkster Workforce Development Program

Akinyemi is working with the Library to develop the program. The first objective is developing a resource center. The resource center would provide help in the following areas:

- Software and Technology Training
- Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills
- Life and Stress Management Skills

TIFA/EDC wants to recruit employers to hire participants of the program.

- C. Review Inkster Economic Development Strategic Plan

Akinyemi will email the plan to the board members.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Status of Repairs at the Justice Center

TIFA is not aware of the status, however, DPS is working with Mr. Boji's staff. Their main concern is the smell of sewage in the facility.

XI. ADJOURNMENT 7:18 p.m.

MOVED by Akinyemi,, Seconded by D. Weislo to adjourn the Inkster TIFA meeting held on February 9, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,


Brittni Abiolu, Chairperson

Winifred Nwankwo, Secretary



M. Jeannie Fields
Director of Special Projects