Corridor Improvement Authority

11/09/2026

Keeler Township Hall

Chairman Rod Pletz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Don Blackmond, Pat Hickey, Mike Spain, Tom Neary, Harold Schaus, Rod Pletz and Vicki Pletz.

Members absent: Mari Herrell.

Quorum has been achieved.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the 09/07/2026 by Harold Schaus. Seconded by Pat Hickey. Motion passed.

Don Blackmond gave the financial report of the beginning balance is $3045.92. Deposits of $200. Interest of $0.66. Paid bills of $699.65. With an ending balance of $2546.93. Michigan Class Investment account balance is $107,423.98.

Tom Neary spoke of the history of the Corridor Improvement Authority, the dedication and hard work of the people involved, and his great displeasure of the failure of the motion to fund the playground equipment on the leased property.

Discussion ensued with two main topics being the type of safety base for the playground structures and who and how it would be inspected and maintained.

Don Blackmond stated that he has not heard back from La Perla management regarding the lease agreement. Mike Spain volunteered to reach out to find out the status.

Chairman Pletz shared that Mari Herrell has not had time to work on the La Perla sign operational procedures.

Chairman Pletz stated that the sign has been installed at the Lions Club park for a cost of $244. Well below the $1000 appropriated.

15 bricks have been installed at the Lions Club park, and we are up to date with all brick sales. No progress has been made installing bricks around the perimeter of the pavilion.

Discussion about the TIF planning and the letter from legal consul. The pros and cons of hiring a professional planning service and which one. No decision made.

The problem of filling the Corridor Improvement Authority board seats came up in discussion and the possibility of addressing this issue with the renewal of the TIF.

Chairman Pletz asked whether the Township had received a bill for the legal work on the La Perla sign. Don Blackmond said he would find out.

Chairman Pletz said that he would send out a reminder to review the TIF proposals so a decision can be made.

Chairman Pletz opened the meeting up to public comment at 7:13 PM.

No public comment was heard.

The meeting was closed to public comment.

Pat Hickey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Harold Schaus. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary R. Patrick Hickey

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Next meeting is December 7th, 2026.