

Corridor Improvement Authority

05/04/2026

Keeler Township Hall

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

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

Quorum has been achieved.

Motion made to approve the amended minutes of the 04/06/2026 by Don Blackmond. Seconded by Mike Spain. Motion passed.

Chairman Pletz gave a financial report. The general fund stands at \$1216.86 with \$0.25 interest. \$1359.00 was paid for insurance for the Pavilion that needs approval. The May statement for the Michigan class investments has not been received. The April balance of \$110,850.08 will have accrued interest.

A motion to pay \$1359.00 to pay for insurance for the pavilion was made by Pat Hickey. Seconded by Mike Spain. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pletz welcomed new member Mari Harrell to the board. Mari graciously spoke of her experiences and qualifications.

Chairman Pletz presented a proposal for the annual report ( To be presented to the Township Board of Directors) and proposed budget amounts. Discussion ensued. Line items to be amended upward are the La Perla sign costs and legal costs. Mike Spain made a motion to adopt the letter and the budget as amended. Pat Hickey seconded. A roll call vote was called for, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Pletz mentioned that the roof has been installed at the pavilion.

Discussion of the ongoing memorial brick program. Mike Spain made a motion to allocate \$1000.00 to get the bricks installed on one side of the pavilion. Vicki Pletz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A schedule for the DNR passport grant application was distributed. Discussion of trying to obtain letters of support from the Lions Club, Silver Creek Township, the Lake Associations and the County Parks Board for possible supplemental material for the grant.

Discussion about the licensing agreement or lease agreement with for the La Perla sign. A motion was made to allow Don Blackman to pursue a lease or licensing agreement with La Perla through a selected attorney. The motion was made by Mike Spain. Seconded by Harold Schaus. A roll call vote was called for, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about the rules of what gets posted on the digital sign and designating a person to be responsible for the posts and updating the information. Item tabled.

Discussion about the gratitude plaques to be placed on the picnic tables. Item tabled.

Discussion about a dedication for the park in how the park would be promoted.

Next meeting is June 1st.

Chairman Pletz opened the meeting for public comment at 6:53pm. Hearing none. Time for public comment was closed.

Don Blackmond made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Harold Schaus. Motion passed unanimously

Secretary R. Patrick Hickey

*R. Patrick Hickey*

Next meeting is June 1st, 2026.

Account #0001523160031

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**CLASS<sup>®</sup>**

Account Number: MI-01-0974-0005

**Average Monthly Yield: 3.7443%**

### Transaction Activity

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**Creative Vinyl  
SIGNS**  
(866) 782-2833  
54950 M-51 North  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Estimate #30119**

**03/31/2026**

**Prepared for:**

**Keeler Township Corridor Improvement Authority**  
Pat Hickey 708-417-6273

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**Description:**

Sign at LaPerla Grocery Store Parking Lot

(Tax Exempt Number) \_\_\_\_\_

| Quantity | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Each        | Amount      | Tax |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| 1        | 4'h x 6'w double-sided 9mm digital display (resolution 128 x 192 pixels), 24 x Outdoor Module Kit, 2x outdoor 9mm service module, 1 outdoor controller kit, Cellular service for 5 years, 24 xx aluminufrae ScreenHub Software for the life of the sign, Technical Support and ScreenHub Training for the life of the sign. 5 year hardware warranty<br>Power connection must be facilitated by a licensed electrician | \$21,383.87 | \$21,383.87 |     |
| 1        | Remove and disposal of Existing Sign and Clock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$200.00    | \$200.00    |     |
| 1        | Paint existing Post column                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$200.00    | \$200.00    |     |
| 1        | Paint (for post)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$129.00    | \$129.00    |     |
| 1        | Tubing and hardware for attaching sign to existing posts / welding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$550.00    | \$550.00    |     |
| 1        | Installation of 9mm display sign                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$1,500.00  | \$1,500.00  |     |
| 1        | Bucket Truck Use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$700.00    | \$700.00    |     |
| 1        | Permit Fees to be determined (actual cost from township)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |     |
| 1        | Electrician Costs (to be determined)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |     |

**TOTALS** Subtotal: \$24,662.87

Sales Tax: \$0.00

**Total: \$24,662.87**

**Terms:**

50% Deposit / balance due when sign ships