

CITY OF IONIA
Local Development Finance Authority
September 16, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mark Jennings called the meeting of the City of Ionia Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) for September 16, 2025, to order at 4:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Larry Tiejema, Mark Jennings and Mark Vroman

Absent: Bob Masters

Also Present: Mayor John Milewski, Precia Garland, City Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Jennings introduced the agenda and asked if there were any requested changes. No changes were requested. It was moved by Member Tiejema and seconded by Member Vroman to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since there were not quorums at the March 18, 2025 and June 17, 2025 meetings, meaning that no meetings took place on those occasions, it was moved by Member Vroman and seconded by Member Tiejema to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Milewski explained that former LDFA board member Jamie Carnes had resigned from his position as finance director at the Ionia County Intermediate School District (ISD) and thus, also resigned his position from the LDFA. Mayor Milewski has asked the new ISD finance director to consider serving on the LDFA board and expects to make an appointment prior to the next board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Manager Garland presented the LDFA's current financial report, noting \$20.72 in interest earnings last fiscal year and a current fund balance of \$695.39. Tax increment revenues will begin to flow to the LDFA in the current fiscal year. A total of \$8,765.18 is expected from the Summer 2025 taxes. Member Tiejema asked several questions regarding the LDFA Development and TIF Plan and estimated future tax capture, which were answered by Garland.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Enwork expansion update

City Manager Garland stated Enwork recently completed the first phase of intended expansions at its Apple Tree Drive location. Enwork CEO David Powell recently shared with her that business is booming, which enabled them to order more manufacturing equipment. He anticipates adding 26 new positions, in addition to the 17 employees from May 2024, for a total of 43 employees by the end of 2025. Efforts are also underway to coordinate a parking lot expansion.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Tiejema and seconded by Member Vroman to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 PM. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Precia Garland, City Manager/LDFA Director