

CITY OF TIOGA
Tioga Fund Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board of the City of Tioga was called to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at the Tioga City Hall by President of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board Myles Rosencrans.

PRESENT: Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Wendy Lenzen, Nathan Germundson and Ronica Pederson

ABSENT: None

Guest: Trista Vandermark, Randi Raan, Scott Post, and Chelsy Weisz

Opening: Pledge of Allegiance

Corrections and/or Modifications to Agenda:

Pederson noticed the agenda needs a correction and made a motion to correct the date of the minutes on the agenda to July 11, 2023 instead of July 12, 2023, Second my Alberts.

Call: Aye: Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson, Wendy Lenzen and Ronica Pederson

Nay: None

Minutes: July 11, 2023 Minutes

Alberts made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023; second by Lenzen.

Call: Aye: Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson, Wendy Lenzen and Ronica Pederson

Nay: None

Reports: Tioga Fund Balance Sheet

Lenzen asked for clarification on note at the bottom of the Tioga Fund Balance. Pederson explained it is only a note to help her remember the application, approval date, what funds the application was approved for, and the money has not come out of the Tioga Fund yet.

Lenzen made a motion to approve the balance sheet as presented; second by Alberts.

Call: Aye: Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson, Wendy Lenzen and Ronica Pederson

Nay: None

New Business:

1.) Application – Tioga Community Halloween Party and Haunted House

Pederson stated she will be abstaining from the vote on this application as she helps with the Halloween party and Haunted House. Trista Vandermark explained the application for the Tioga Community Halloween Party and Haunted House. Stating it is the 31st Annual Event, estimated costs for Community Halloween Party and Haunted House is \$19,500.00 money will be used for food, drink, candy, prizes, toys, costume contests, pumpkin carving and cake decorating contests, lumber, plastic, lots of staples, screws, etc. Discussion held regarding where else they receive money. Vandermark explained donations, Visitor Promotion Funds, and local businesses. Discussion how the event has grown in the past years bringing many people to the Tioga area for the Haunted House and Halloween Parties.

Germundson made a motion to approve the application of \$7,500.00 from the Community Improvement portion of the Tioga Fund; second by Lenzen.

Call: Aye: Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson, and Wendy Lenzen

Nay: None

Ronica Pederson Abstained

2.) Application – City of Tioga/Economic Development – Back Alley Art Project

Chelsy Weisz gave a presentation for the project, explaining the Tioga High School art class will design a mural for the Pizza Pie on the Fly on the back of the building in the alleyway. The project is for 1 building this fall and they will put in another application for another build alleyway this spring.

Alberts made a motion to approve the application of \$1,500.00 from the Community Improvement portion of the Tioga Fund; second by Pederson.

Call: Aye: Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson, Wendy Lenzen and Ronica Pederson
Nay: None

3.) Application – City of Tioga/Economic Development – New Project Start Up: Work Based Learning Incentive Program

Chelsy Weisz gave a presentation discussing the application for the new project in collaboration with the high school. She explained it is a State Program and she is helping the school with the implement of the program and is asking the Tioga Fund to help with the financial incentivization for the students involved in the program. Students will receive academic credit and the incentive structure alleviates the cost burden from local employers. Discussion held on the types of job, careers, and businesses this program will involve, how students are able to get academic credit with the school, pay options, unemployment insurance and workforce safety insurance as potential liabilities for businesses, and whether the program should be financially incentivized by sales tax dollar. The Tioga Fund Advisory Board supports the Work Based Learning Incentive Program with the school and believes this is a great opportunity for the school, students, and businesses, but the financial incentive should be left up to the business and not a use for sales tax money.

Lenzen made a motion to deny the application for \$15,000.00; second by Alberts.

Call: Aye: Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson, Wendy Lenzen, and Ronica Pederson
Nay: None

4.) Application – Tioga American Legion Post

Scott Post gave a presentation for the application requesting \$48,000.00 for new flag poles at the Pioneer Park. Post explained the City of Tioga owns the park, the Park Board takes care of the park, but the American Legion owns the flag poles and does the upkeep of the flags. Discussed the old poles, quote for new poles, types of poles, heights, and the different flags they display.

Lenzen made a motion to approve the application of \$48,000.00 with 50% from the Parks Fund and 50% from the Community Improvement portion of the Tioga Fund; second by Pederson.

Call: Aye – Myles Rosencrans, Pat Alberts, Nathan Germundson, Wendy Lenzen and Ronica Pederson
Nay – None

With no further business, the meeting of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Myles Rosencrans, President of the Tioga Fund Advisory Board

ATTEST:

Ronica Pederson, Deputy Auditor