



Newaygo County

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

MINUTES

September 18, 2025

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg; Jason O'Connell
OTHERS PRESENT	Christopher Wren, Administrator Sandi Christoffersen, Deputy Finance Director Becca Bunker, CDBG Housing Coordinator Deb Berger, Clerical
PRESENT VIA TEAMS	Julie Burrell, Senior Economic Development Director
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Mark Guzniczak called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	25-039 BAB Motion by O'Connell, second by Finch, to approve the September 18, 2025, agenda. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg; Jason O'Connell Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.
MINUTES - MOTION NUMBER	25-040 BAB Motion by Hager, second by Blake, to approve the regular meeting minutes dated July 17, 2025. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg; Jason O'Connell Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORT – CHRISTOPHER WREN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	25-041 BAB Administrator Wren commented that the \$12,552.26 that was received is a pass through to Fishbeck for services. Other than that, there were no changes to note. Motion by Blake, second by O'Connell, to place the financial report on file. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg; Jason O'Connell Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:	700 N. Weaver Street Project The Brownfield Authority has received no new information on this project. The City of Fremont has received a marked-up purchase option from the developer, and the city is reviewing. The City of Fremont is waiting for the finalization of their Master Deed, after which they can start selling lots for the project.
NEW BUSINESS:	Frequently Asked Brownfield Questions The Brownfield Authority reviewed the document and gave their consensus to have it added to the website.

RIGHT PLACE UPDATE	Julie Burrell, Senior Economic Development Director
	•Consideration to redevelop a property on the hill in Newaygo. A phase 1 could potentially run through EGLE, waiting for the property owner's approval. •Another project has entered the pipeline in the City of Fremont that may come before the Brownfield Authority for possible TIF. •Village of Hesperia was able to acquire the former variety store. They may come before the Brownfield Authority for environmental assessment reimbursement.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MISCELLANEOUS:	
	• Guzniczak reminded Board members that there are two vacancies on the Brownfield Authority Board and asked that they reach out to community members. A Township representative would be helpful on the board. • O'Connell commented that the recent Treasurer's Auction was successful. There are only twelve parcels left, and they are all in Merrill Township. • Wren introduced the County's new Community Development Housing Coordinator, Becca Bunker.
NEXT MEETING	
The next Brownfield Authority Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Newaygo County Administration Multi-Purpose Room, directly across from the County Clerk's Office.	
ADJOURNMENT	25-042 BAB
Motion by Harmon-Ramsey second by O'Connell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg; Jason O'Connell Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.	
RECORDING SECRETARY CERTIFICATION	Debra L. Berger, Newaygo County Administration Office Manager