

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2020—7:00 PM – VIA ZOOM – Meeting ID 571 416 4947

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: On site: William Seppanen

Via Zoom: Neil Hanson, Nicole Haskett, Julia Anderson-Leake, Donald DeRoche

Guests: Debbie Kinnunen, Bob DellAngelo, Scott Gravedoni, Cindy Coleman, Rose McBride, Beth Koenig, Rhonda Boshears, Irene DeRoche

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – Hanson called the roll: Anderson-Leake, Haskett, DeRoche, Hanson, Seppanen. All board members are in attendance, there is a quorum.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - recited
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA: Seppanen moved with DeRoche seconding the motion to accept the consent agenda. Seppanen added to agenda New Business items #2. Board member resignation #13. Winter Garbage Schedule and #14. BOR Resignation. Seppanen added that the Board will discuss VIII. 1. first so Bob DellAngelo can be dismissed for the whole meeting.
 1. AGENDA
 2. AUGUST 27, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – DellAngelo, Seppanen, and Hanson approved the minutes on November 13, 2020
 3. NOVEMBER 9, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Minutes approved.
 4. NOVEMBER 25, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Minutes approved.
 5. TREASURERS REPORT
 6. BILLS TO BE PAID
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – Cindy Coleman read her comments that she sent to the Board regarding the new Township Board and outgoing Township Board, specifically expressing the need for the new Board to move forward anew and let arguments from the past go and make amends and build the community together.
- VI. BOARD COMMENT – Nicole might have to jump off the video or audio, but will still be listening. Anderson-Leake thanked Debbie and Bill for completing the board packets, Hanson congratulated Nicole and Bob on the birth of their son and mentioned that his health issues are changing and he expects he should be in the office more since the amount of appointments are reducing.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 1. COMMUNITY BUILDING ROOF REPAIR BID ESTIMATE - Hanson stated that because it has been so long since the original bid, they are starting all over will get an updated quote from the bidder to send to the insurance company.
 2. SICK LEAVE FOR WORKERS-OPTIONS – Anderson-Leake moved to accept Option #1 (the higher amount of PTO) with Haskett seconding the motion. Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 3. JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Seppanen suggested that the Township advertise for the Zoning Administrator and Enforcement Officer jobs that may be filled with one person. The Township discussed the possibilities of hiring someone who we could share with another Township. Motion made by DeRoche and seconded by Haskett to advertise the job opening on multi-media job listing sites that are free, including MI Works, Indeed, Career Builder, Monster, Inc. and the Township Website.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. REDEVELOPMENT READINESS COMMUNITIES DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL – BOB DELLANGELO – The Board is in favor of allowing Bob to continue to with the work on the RRC projects to complete them for the Township. Anderson-Leake moved to approve the documents presented below with Seppanen supporting. Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - A) ORIENTATION FOR NEW MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS
 - B) TRAINING PLAN – MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
 - C) MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPLICATIONS
 1. BOARD OF REVIEW APPLICATION
 2. DDA APPLICATION
 3. FIRE BOARD APPLICATION
 4. PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION
 5. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION
2. APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO FIRE BOARD AND RESIGNATION – Seppanen read the resignation of Dawn Perry as our member on the Fire Board. Seppanen stated that the Township must appoint a Board member to the Fire Board and moved that DeRoche be appointed with Hanson seconding the motion. DeRoche accepted the appointment. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
3. APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO PLANNING COMMISSION - Seppanen stated that George Kendall was the Board member on the Planning Commission and moved that Anderson-Leake be appointed to replace him on the Planning Commission with Hanson seconding the motion. Anderson-Leake accepted the appointment. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. ADD RANGE BANK VISA CREDIT CARDS FOR FIRE, EMS, AND DPW FOR FUEL USE – The Board discussed the problems experienced with the current method of charging fuel. Lack of receipts confirming fuel fills by employees has been occurring. The use of P cards was discussed as an alternative. Hanson moved that the Township open credit cards at Range Bank to use for these purposes with Haskett seconding. Roll Call: Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Anderson-Leake, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
5. GATE FOR PARK – The Township discussed the placement and options of adding a gate at the Park. The Board would like to get additional information of the exact placement and types of gates that might be considered for placement in the area. The Seppanen moved to postpone the topic to a future meeting with DeRoche seconding the motion. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. SUMMER HELP – Seppanen stated that the summer help was continued to help the DPW employee while Jan was off on short-term disability. There is a lack of work to do to continue to employ the summer person. Hanson moved to discontinue the summer help and that tomorrow would be his last day with Anderson-Leake supporting. DeRoche asked if he was going to be called if help is needed. Seppanen stated that Paul Paquette has been helping the Township because he has a CDL to drive the garbage truck while John Howe was working on getting it and he has sewer duty experience. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
7. BCBSM HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL FOR FEBRUARY 2021 – The Board discussed the proposals and felt that the quotes were too high and would like to investigate other plans. Hanson moved to postpone this item with DeRoche supporting. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
8. MARQUETTE COUNTY INTERLOCAL ASSESSOR – Seppanen presented the information on the interlocal assessor. Anderson-Leake stated she felt it is a win-win for the townships. Seppanen moved that the Township accept the for interlocal assessor agreement with Anderson-Leake seconding. Roll Call: DeRoche, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
9. HANNULA PUBLIC OFFICER BOND INCREASE PROPOSAL – Haskett asked if MTA requires a minimum for bond insurance. Seppanen stated there is not. Hanson moved to accept the increased limits on the bonds that Hannula proposed for the Clerk and Treasurer with DeRoche seconding. Roll Call: Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

10. BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER – Seppanen read the proposed budget resolutions presented. Hanson moved to accept the budget resolutions as presented with Haskett seconding. Roll Call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Hanson, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
11. TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 – The Township approved having the Board meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7 pm. Seppanen moved with Haskett seconding. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
12. APPROVE DDA MEETING SCHEDULE – Seppanen moved to accept the proposed DDA meeting schedule for 2021 as the 1st Monday of the month at 7 pm with Haskett seconding. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
13. WINTER GARBAGE SCHEDULE – Seppanen moved that the Township go to the winter schedule beginning in January through April with Haskett seconding. Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, DeRoche, Nay, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Nay. 3 Ayes. 2 Nays. Motion carried.
14. BOARD OF REVIEW (BOR) RESIGNATION – Seppanen read the resignation of Donald C. DeRoche on the BOR.
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – Gravedoni-Ad for employee on Indeed and MI Works are free, since the Township is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Township could investigate them for possible health insurance options. Cindy Coleman-hopes the Township will continue to keep the Library open the two days per week through the winter. Rhonda Boshears–stated that the gate should not be a chain or cable for safety reasons, the Park is a public Park supported by taxpayers and should be accessible all the time; she believes any late-night shenanigans are minimal at best; and is opposed to an employee who works 12 hours per week having paid time off as a benefit. Rose McBride-suggested ordering a laptop with the election grant monies.
- X. BOARD COMMENT – Hanson stated that the Township was awarded a grant of \$5,000 to spend on election expenses and must buy them by December 31st and he is looking for ideas on items.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT – Seppanen moved to adjourn the meeting with Hanson seconding. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8.57 pm.