

# MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP

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## TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING

APRIL 12, 2021—7:00 PM – VIA ZOOM – Meeting ID #571 416 4947

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: On site: William Seppanen, Donald DeRoche, Julia Anderson-Leake, Nicole Haskett  
Guests in person: Friederike and Jerry Roach, Ruth Starr  
Guests via Zoom: Debbie Kinnunen, Cindy Coleman, Marla Bradley from North Country Design, Rose and John McBride

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL – Supervisor Seppanen called the roll. Trustee Anderson-Leake, Trustee DeRoche, Treasurer Haskett, Supervisor Seppanen are present, Clerk Hanson is absent. There is a quorum.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA: Move Webpage design to VIII. 1. Library to VIII. 2. and additions VIII. 1.a. Budget Resolution Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Property Insurance Change, VIII. 11. Pickleball Temporary Court in Gym, VIII. 12. Hasscib Camp Lake Gravel for Road Repair, VIII. 13. Township Par Plan Approval With Determination of PIP Level.
  1. AGENDA - Seppanen moved to accept with Haskett seconding. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
  2. MARCH 8, 2021 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – Seppanen asked for approval of the closed session minutes that were passed out to the members. The Board members present all approved them.
  3. MARCH 18, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
  4. MARCH 25, 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
  5. MARCH 29, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
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  7. TREASURERS REPORT
  8. BILLS TO BE PAID – Questions regarding some of the bills were discussed
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) Jerry Roach and Friederike Roach – library days and hours
- VI. BOARD COMMENT – DeRoche stated the Township should stay with the current days and hours for the Library because of the current Covid-19 situation. Seppanen stated that the Township will send a notice to the Township Committees and Boards need to prepare their annual reports for the May 2021 Board meeting. Seppanen announced that the League of Women Voters is hosting a meeting for redistricting on May 18<sup>th</sup> with the location to be announced later. This meeting is to allow comments and discussion with the Redistricting Commission charged with reviewing and revising district maps for voting purposes.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None presented.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
  1. WEBPAGE DESIGN – Marla Bradley explained the costs and advantages to creating a custom webpage design versus a word press design. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this information. The Township can update some of the webpages as needed and the rest can be secured so nobody can mess them up. Marla added that her turn around is normally within one business day. She is hiring another person in her business. She added that she doesn't require a contract. Supervisor Seppanen moved to hire Marla Bradley to design and maintain Michigamme Townships webpage with Treasurer Haskett seconding the motion. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

2. LIBRARY – Jerry Roach stated that he and Friederike are willing to man the Library 5-7 pm on Thursdays. They don't believe the library should be open 24/7. They believe that guests should be screened and COVID-19 protocols followed. Friederike Roach added that they have procured thousands of books for the library. Seppanen stated that the Roach's were asked for the book stamp and they refused to give it to the Township. The Township was forced to order new stampers. Books that are brought to the Library become Township property. There are not Cindy Coleman books and Roach's books. They are all property of the Township. Cindy Coleman asked to speak on the subject and stated that she is open to work with the Roach's and will abide by whatever decision the Board makes. She wants to follow the CDC protocols and have the library open for short periods of time. Anderson-Leake stated that the three volunteers need to get together and make plans to work together. The Board agreed that cooperation is the key for the volunteers. Seppanen stated that he will continue to open the library for the volunteers and lock it. Anderson-Leake added that the Township has expanded the cleaning person's hours to clean the library on Tuesdays 8 am to 12 noon.
3. BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – Trustee Anderson-Leake moved with Treasurer Haskett seconding the motion to approve the budget resolutions as presented. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
  - a) FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 PROPERTY INSURANCE CHANGE – Trustee DeRoche moved with Treasurer Haskett seconding the motion to approve the budget resolutions as presented. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
4. QUICKBOOKS VERSIONS COMPARISON – Supervisor Seppanen moved to purchase the QB Desktop Enterprise Gold Edition for three users with Trustee DeRoche seconding the motion. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
5. RICK MARSH REQUEST TO PURCHASE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY – APPRAISAL – Supervisor Seppanen stated that the appraisal Mr. Marsh supplied is an estimate. The Board discussed the options of potentially selling the parcels. Seppanen will ask Jackie Solomon to look at the parcels and help determine value. Seppanen will tell Mr. Marsh that the Township is not satisfied with the appraisal he supplied. The Board will potentially do a site visit to the parcels before it makes any decision.
6. HIGHWAY PERMITTED SIGNS – Seppanen stated that the sign that is presented is only visible from one direction. Anderson-Leake stated that the DDA is looking at using these signs to refurbish for their signage projects.
7. STREET SIGNS SALE ON BIDS IDEAS – Seppanen stated that the street signs will be replaced. The DDA is suggesting that the old street signs would be sold on some sort of auction bids.
8. SUMMER ACTIVITIES
  - a) MEMORIAL DAY – May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am at the cemetery with no lunch at the Community Building following.
  - b) CEMETERY OPENING – Seppanen stated that the Township needs to wait until it is dry to minimize damage. Postpone to May agenda.
  - c) MUSEUM OPENING – Normally it opens on Memorial Day. Postpone decision to the May meeting.
  - d) CAR SHOW – Permission to hold the car show. Sunday, June 27, 2021, 12-4 pm at the Museum grounds.
  - e) ARTISANS MARKET – JUNE 26 10 AM TO 4 PM - Downtown Michigamme Outdoor Venue (Sunday rain date).
  - f) DUMPSTER DAYS – JUNE AND AUGUST - MONDAY- WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY. Board agrees to hold it Monday 8-5, Tuesday, 8-5, Wednesday 8-8 and Saturday 8-noon. June 14-16 and 19, August 16-18 and 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - g) RUMMAGE SALE COMMUNITY BUILDING GYM – JUNE 26 THRU JULY 5 – Board oks.
  - h) JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS – Swiedals are afraid to commit to holding the fireworks and concessions because of potentially creating a COVID-19 super spreader event since the Township has thousands attending. The Board will back their decision regarding holding the event.
9. SUMMER HELP – Seppanen stated that the garbage collection contract bids are due by May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm. This may free up hours for the DPW workers. Seppanen asked the Board how many hours should be approved for summer help to be posted in the notice of employment availability. The Board decided 32 to 40 hours. Haskett stated that there may be other kids that are home schooled that may be available to work also.
10. INFORMATION CENTER – Seppanen presented the sketches for the proposed information center. The Museum meeting is being held on April 14<sup>th</sup> and Virginia Olson will present the sketches and idea to them. Potentially to be place on the lot across from the museum. DeRoche stated that the state was looking for a weather station to be placed back in Michigamme and maybe it could be included in this information center. DeRoche will investigate this. The Township Board approved that the lot specified could be used to house the information center.

11. PICKLEBALL TEMPORARY COURT IN GYM – Seppanen stated that a couple Spurr residents (Weber and Zobott) request permission to put a pickleball court in the gym. They have removable tape that can be removed easily without leaving a residue. The Board has no objections for them to use it as stated.
  12. HASSCIB LAKE CAMP GRAVEL FOR ROAD REPAIR – A Hasscib Lake Camp member stated that the road needs to be repaired because he plowed it during the winter for access to the garbage shed. Seppanen told him that the Township doesn't pick up garbage at that shed during the winter. The garbage shed was only supposed to be collected during the spring, summer, and fall. The Township did not ask him to plow and he should have called the Township to check. DeRoche stated that the road has never been graveled. The Board decided that the Township will not supply or reimburse them for putting gravel on the road. The Township will lock the garbage shed on a certain date in the fall and post it on the garbage shed.
  13. TOWNSHIP PAR PLAN APPROVAL WITH DETERMINATION OF PIP LEVEL – Seppanen stated that the premium increased from \$20044 to \$21,066. The State of Michigan passed a law to give auto owners options on the personal injury protection medical coverage to lower limits. Hannula recommends the Township chose Option 1. Unlimited coverage. The Township discussed the options available. The Board decided to chose Option 1. Anderson-Leake moved to accept Hannula's recommendation and chose Option 1 Unlimited Coverage for PIP with Haskett seconding. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried. Seppanen stated that the Board needs to make a decision on additional coverage of Non-Monetary Suit Defense Costs Endorsement. He explained that it covers attorney fees. He also stated that the Township could add it at later date if the Board suspects there may be a pending lawsuit.
- IX. CLOSED SESSION: Trustee Anderson Leake moved to go into closed session at 9:07 pm with Treasurer Haskett seconding. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
1. EMPLOYEE REVIEWS – Trustee Anderson-Leake moved to approve the raises for Debbie Kinnunen, Michelle Suring, John Howe, Jan Rosewall and Jamie Aponte. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
  2. DPW – Supervisor Seppanen moved to appoint John Howe as supervisor for DPW with Treasurer Haskett seconding. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
  3. SUPERVISOR REPORT FROM MTA – Trustee DeRoche moved to have Supervisor Seppanen compose a letter to the Clerk and send it certified asking for his intentions seconded by Trustee Haskett. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – Seppanen asked for public comment before the closed session. John McBride: pickleball court can be laid on top of tennis court using the same nets.
- XI. BOARD COMMENT – Seppanen stated that pickleball court striping is included in the proposed grant applications.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee DeRoche moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 pm seconded by Treasurer Haskett. 4 Ayes. 0 Nayses. 1 Absent. Motion carried.