

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021—7:00 PM ZOOM MTG #: 571-416-4947

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: On site: William Seppanen, Donald DeRoche, Julia Anderson-Leake, Nicole Haskett, Neil Hanson
Guests in person: Ruth Starr, Rose and Terry McBride, Kathy Hanson, Paul Olson, Beth and Gary Koenig, Larry and Kay Frisk, Roberta Frisk, Whitney Saunders, Quinn Saunders, Nancy Ferro, Scott and Rhonda Gravedoni, Paula Roncaglione, Charlie Gardner, Irene DeRoche, Richard Wedin, Susie Stauber, Connie Schultz, Jean Howe, Tim Werner, Rhonda Boshears
Guests via Zoom: Debbie Kinnunen, Cindy Coleman, Debbie Skytta, Charlie West, James Sanders, Paul Haara, Katie @ Mining Journal, moto e5 play, Beth Koenig

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL - Clerk Hanson called the roll. Trustee Anderson-Leake, Trustee DeRoche, Treasurer Haskett, Supervisor Seppanen, Clerk Hanson are present. There is a quorum.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA: Hanson moved to approve the consent agenda with Haskett supporting. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 1. AGENDA
 2. MAY 10, 2021, BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 3. MAY 10, 2021, CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - Seppanen asked for approval of the closed session minutes. Board members present at the meeting approved them. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 4. TREASURERS REPORT
 5. BILLS TO BE PAID – Whitewater Associates is sewer testing.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – Whitney Saunders – Gazebo; Quinn Saunders – Gazebo; Irene DeRoche – Gazebo; Paula Roncaglioni – Land; Rick Wedin – Gazebo; Beth Koenig – Gazebo; Jean Howe – Property; Roberta Frisk – Information Center; Gary Koenig – Land; Rhonda Boshears – Gazebo; Charlie West – appreciation for improvements to Co Rd 607; Connie Schultz – Land; Kay Frisk – Gazebo; Ed Olson – Gazebo; Larry Frisk – Gazebo; Charlie Gardner – Fire Signs at Arfelin Lake; Donald DeRoche read letter from Jerry Roach - Gazebo
- VI. BOARD COMMENT – Anderson-Leake Township is applying for grant for recycling, DeRoche hope to decide to keep the gazebo where it is.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 1. RICK MARSH REQUEST TO PURCHASE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY – Seppanen reported that Jackie Solomon, Donald DeRoche, and he walked the property on Wednesday, June 2 to review where Mr. Marsh wanted to obtain access in relation to the cemetery property. Seppanen stated that the property cannot be sold for less than the current value. The Board will need to have the current valuation before it decides. Postponed till next meeting.
 2. FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – No report
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
 1. COMMUNITY BUILDING AWNING BID OPENING – Seppanen stated that the Township received one bid. Seppanen read the bid from A&F Construction. The bid is for \$44,900 and they propose to remove the metal roofing and underlayment and dormers entirely, leaving the existing structural members and sheeting intact, removing and

replacing any damaged areas, adding 2 x 10 roof rafter and ceiling joist sistered alongside of existing and add an additional layer of ½" OSB to the entire roof. They will install an additional kicker-brace to support each roof rafter. They will have to remove the soffit entirely to do this work. Dormers will be reinstalled along with 50-year shingles, re-build fascia and sub-fascia. They do not believe they need a building permit if the original structure is left intact. Seppanen contacted Lake State Roofing to discuss the snow guards previously. The snow guards were put on the south side of the roof where the awning is located, where there are no snow guards on the north side the snow only gets to be one foot deep and slides off easily. It builds on the south side and when it comes down it is very heavy and causes damage to the awning and spreads all the way out onto the road. Anderson-Leake asked if the Township has additional insurance monies coming. Seppanen stated that we need to send the bid to the insurance company when accepted. Currently the snow has begun to cause damage and leaking around the office outside door. Hanson moved to accept the bid from A&F Construction with Seppanen supporting. Anderson-Leake asked if the snow guards are going to be removed. Seppanen stated that some of the snow guards are damaged also and need to be removed. He added the engineers stated that the rafters needed to be 2x10 not 2x8 and we should not have had a metal roof. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. A & F Construction will be notified of the accepted bid and it will be sent to our insurance company.

2. RESOLUTION FOR MARQUETTE COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN – Seppanen read the resolution to adopt the Marquette County Mitigation Plan. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Seppanen declared the motion passed and Neil will sign the resolution. Marquette County will be notified of the adoption of the resolution along with the minutes of the meeting for proof of the adoption.
3. TRUNORTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUNDS – Seppanen stated that Spurr Township Clerk brought the TruNorth Bank Statements for the account to Michigamme Township because they didn't want to be responsible for it. Linda Legacy and Roxanne Gardner are the signers on the account. Since the account is dormant, TruNorth is going to start charging the account \$5 per month beginning in July 2021. Seppanen read the letter sent by TruNorth and is suggesting that we close the account and transfer the monies into the Michigamme Township General Fund as restricted funds for emergency preparedness purposes. These funds were originally donated from the Townships to support any expenses needed in case of an emergency like the Fire Lake Tower fire that was quite extensive. The two townships have an Emergency Preparedness Plan that was prepared by a committee of the two townships that needs to be updated. Anderson-Leake moved to close the account and put the monies into the General Fund with DeRoche supporting. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. ANNUAL EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCIDENT POLICY – Seppanen stated that Hannula sent us a proposal to increase the Fire Departments accident policy with a comparison with the current policy limits that need to be renewed. Anderson-Leake moved to accept the current level policy renewal with the three-year rate with Hanson seconding. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
5. MTA ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM SELECTION – Seppanen stated the MTA online learning program selection is due for the coming year. Anderson-Leake stated that Planning Commission, Zoning, Board of Review, Downtown Development Authority, and any other committees are included in this training. Anderson-Leake stated that the Redevelopment Readiness Community requires that all new board and committee members must be trained in their positions. Anderson-Leake moved to continue with the MTA online plus package with Haskett supporting. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. FOR SALE ON BIDS – PEWS FROM LIBRARY – Seppanen stated the two 9-foot pews in the Library are available for sale on bids. Please get your sealed bids into the Township office before July 12th. The bid will be opened at the next meeting. Anderson-Leake stated that there are two shorter pews that the Township is keeping. Anderson-Leake moved take bids on the two 9-foot pews to sell with Seppanen supporting. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
7. GAZEBO RELOCATION – Seppanen read the letter from the Marquette County Road Commission regarding the Encroachment of Max Street/Second Street Right of Way (ROW). Because of their input of the restricted uses of

the ROW and the resident's insistence on referring to the ROW as the "Pocket Park", the Township would like to move the Gazebo to the Michigamme Park next to the playground where it will be used more frequently. DeRoche read an article regarding the State of Michigan law of the rights of the public at the end of a public road at the water's edge. Seppanen stated that Trustee DeRoche and he spoke to Mr. Iwanicki at the Marquette County Road Commission today who reiterated the scope of their letter. Seppanen moved to honor the Marquette County Road Commission's wishes to not call the area a Park and move the Gazebo to the Michigamme Township Park with Anderson-Leake supporting. The public in attendance began shouting and creating disturbances with their out of order comments and were asked to be quiet or leave. The police were called to quell the disturbances and potential threats. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Nay, DeRoche, Nay. 3 Ayes. 2 Nays. Motion carried.

8. BATTERY COLLECTION SITE – Seppanen read the letter from Marquette Solid Waste Management Authority offering the Township to become a battery collection site. The Board discussed the details of which batteries are collected and how they are collected and stored. Anderson-Leake moved that the Township become a rechargeable and alkaline battery collection site with DeRoche seconding. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
9. MUSEUM FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY - LOCAL VOICES - EAGLE MINE – Seppanen stated that a person has nominated the Michigamme Museum to be the recipient of funding from the Eagle Mine for participating in several online surveys over the course of a couple months. The Township will post this information for residents and share with other committees.
10. MQT CO ROAD COMMISSION CRACK AND SEAL BID – Seppanen presented the crack and seal bid from the Marquette County Road Commission for the roads that the Township would like to be serviced this summer. Anderson-Leake stated that there are a lot of roads that need to be maintained. The Board believes that roads getting preventive service may prolong their good condition and not need resurfacing as soon. Hanson moved to approve the bid supported by DeRoche. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
11. U.P.S.E.T. REQUEST – Seppanen presented the request for support from U.P.S.E.T. to help with their operating expenses. Anderson -Leake stated that their operating expenses are not covered by police budget monies. 70% of U.P.S.E.T.'s budget is dependent on private donations and local municipalities, 25% is dependent on grants, 5% is from the sale of seizures. She added that they encourage residents to call to report activities. Their expenses are at least \$200,000. They serve all 15 counties in the UP. Seppanen moved to donate \$1,000 to U.P.S.E.T. with Haskett supporting. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Seppanen will send the agreement to them tomorrow.
12. BROADBAND LUNCHEON MEETING AT NORTHERN CENTER - JUNE 16 NOON – Seppanen stated that Michigamme Township is poised to be one of the major recipients of the new broadband proposed in the Upper Peninsula. Julia Anderson-Leake, Jan Anderson, and he are going to be attending this luncheon to get more information about this proposal and program.
13. APPROVAL OF GARBAGE TRUCK BID AD – Hanson presented the garbage truck bid newspaper ad for approval. Hanson wanted to tweek the ad and is wondering if we should advertise in a trade journal. The Board reviewed the ad and added some language. Hanson asked what the time frame should be. The Board would like the sealed bids to be opened at the July 12th Board meeting and be received by 3:00 pm that day. Anderson-Leake moved to accept the ad with the corrections specified during discussion with Seppanen seconding. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
14. SUMMER EMPLOYEE RAISE – Seppanen stated that Kurt Schultz is hauling the recycling trailers to the landfill relieving the DPW employees time for other projects. He is proposing \$1 raise since he has a CDL and can help in several ways and has been doing a very good job. Seppanen moved to give Kurt Schultz a \$1 raise with Anderson-Leake seconding. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
15. APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS – Seppanen has received two applications for the Planning Commission, Terry McBride and David J. Niemi. Seppanen stated that the Planning Commission has had two

resignations and he will appoint both these persons to the vacancies. Seppanen moved to appoint these two with Haskett seconding the motion. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

16. FIRE SIGNS AT ARFELIN LAKE – DeRoche stated Charlie explained the system to him and there are 55 signs needed in the Arfelin Lake area. The cost is approximately \$3,500 for the posts and signs. Anderson-Leake asked what signs are there now. Gardner stated that they are not fire signs. Peshekee Grade was completed at the same time as the other signs in the Township. Charlie Gardner explained the roads that are designated in that area. DeRoche stated he has property on Arfelin since 1960. He added that they will map it out and present all the information to the Board to make a decision. Seppanen stated that he believes that the Township should pay for the fire signs for each resident, but the road signs are for private roads that are not currently named, so he questions whether the Township should pay for those. Anderson-Leake stated that changing the name of roads creates a problem for the residents for the driver's license, voting records, etc. Anderson-Leake asked if the fire numbers will be stacked in a series at the end of road that would designate the five cabins that are down that road. Charlie Gardner would not like the decision to be delayed because of fire danger. Anderson-Leake stated that the DDA has been working on signage also, so she feels that the Township can complete this project soon. Hanson moved to approve \$3,500 to obtain the fire signs for this area with Seppanen supporting. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye, DeRoche, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – Whitney Saunders – website update with several years of minutes, Gazebo, % of taxes paid; Kay Frisk – free graduation parties for local children; Paul Olson – Gazebo; Roberta Frisk – no caring in community; Cindy Coleman - thanked the Board for hanging in there and making difficult decisions; Scott Gravedoni gave a DDA report – rack cards in printing, new highway signs, Information Center will be built, directional signage is being completed, thanked Julia for putting countless hours on the gardens along the entrance of Michigamme, congratulated the Board on getting through the meeting, appalled at disrespectful persons at the current meeting.

X. BOARD COMMENT – Anderson-Leake thanked the residents that stayed for the meeting and gave feedback and not just on the one issue and thanked John Howe for his efforts with the Community Building awning drawings. DeRoche spoke about having a solar powered weather station perhaps by the Information Center. Seppanen stated he cannot please everyone, but he tries his best to do his job. He stated it's important to have the ramp at the end of Max Street for the fire department to get water since the dry well located there is plugged and cannot be used.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Seppanen moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm with Hanson seconding. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.