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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING – ZOOM # 571-416-4947 MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021—7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: On site: William Seppanen, Donald DeRoche, Julia Anderson-Leake, Nicole Haskett, Neil Hanson
Guests in person: Rose and Terry McBride, Kathy Hanson, Cindy Dittman, Paul Olson, Steve Coron, GAD, Ken Ohmann and Nick Bjork, North Country Disposal
Guests via Zoom: Debbie Kinnunen, Cindy Coleman, Trish M., Beth Koenig, Stacey Welling Haughey, DNR, Debra Gill, Van Riper Park, Doug Rich, DNR Parks Division, Scott Gravedoni, Brad DeLongchamp, Tammy Schultz

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL Supervisor 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: Seppanen moved to approve the consent agenda with Haskett supporting. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 1. AGENDA
 2. APRIL 12, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 3. APRIL 12, 2021 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – Seppanen asked for approval of the closed session minutes. Board members present at the meeting approved them. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 4. APRIL 28, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 5. TREASURERS REPORT – Anderson-Leake asked about the shortage on the Library fund amount. The shortage is a temporary one with the CD that will be deposited this coming week and the Township is covering the repair bills for the library.
 6. BILLS TO BE PAID – Seppanen stated that Beaulier Builders is honoring the quote given last fall if we give them a \$2000 deposit, it will be delivered in August. Carrot Top Industries is the vendor for the Park flags. Bach Mobilities is the vendor for elevator maintenance and inspection. Ramaker is the vendor for the cemetery scanning. Life Fitness is the vendor for the additional fitness machine that Anderson-Leake secured grant monies for, this will be a wash.
- V. GARBAGE SERVICES BID OPENING – The Township received two bids, one from North Country Disposal and one from GAD. Seppanen read the North Country Disposal bid is \$5,911 per month for one-year contract or \$5115 per month with a 3% annual increase for a five-year contract. Anderson-Leake stated that the Township is applying for a grant to get the recycling bins. Seppanen asked North Country Disposal if the bid included a separate bid for the recycling. Includes the recycling to start immediately. Recycling grants will take time to get and wouldn't start right away. DeRoche stated that the grants for the bins that are available are for different size bins. Recycling is requested biweekly in the specifics. The amount quoted by North Country was for the garbage carts not the recycle carts. The specifics state that the garbage sheds will be included in the pickup bid except for the sheds on the Peshekee Grade/Co Rd 607. Seppanen read the GAD bid, \$3,375 per month with \$624 recycling per month with \$405 monthly rental of recycling carts. They offered a one-time charge for purchasing 270 carts. The Board discussed the bids especially regarding recycling. Hanson moved to accept the bid submitted by GAD with DeRoche supporting. Seppanen stated that the Township will delay the recycling decision until later. Anderson-Leake stated that we should forego the garbage carts at this time. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) Paul Olson – recycling, Scott Gravedoni – garbage question, Ken Ohman - recycling rebates are available, Terry McBride - composting
- VII. BOARD COMMENT – Neil Hanson – welcomed the new board members and thanked everyone for the get well wishes and he will be coming back to work slowly; Anderson-Leake glad garbage is being decided, Hazardous waste is May 12th at the Transfer station.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. RICK MARSH REQUEST TO PURCHASE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY – Seppanen will call him to tell him that we will let him know at the June meeting. Seppanen stated that Mr. Marsh has offered \$12,000 for the property. He wants to secure a good valuation from Jackie Solomon. The Board and Jackie need to walk the property and he would like to have our Assessor also determine the value. Anderson-Leake stated she agreed. DeRoche stated he doesn't want the property by the cemetery sold, he feels it needs to be saved for cemetery expansion.
 2. INFORMATION CENTER – Seppanen stated that the Museum Committee doesn't want the Information Center placed on the extra lot next to the Post Office. They stated that the lot was purchased for the car show. The car show is only one day per year. Seppanen added that this Information Center will only be for information about the Township and locations of items that are being promoted, it will not be used for residents to advertise miscellaneous items. Anderson-Leake stated that there isn't enough room to place it next to the Museum since the dry well, other items and the ice rink are already there. DeRoche stated he wanted to offer to have the weather station also in that area. Seppanen stated it is handicap accessible on the south side of the street from the sidewalk. The Museum Committee also objected to the Christmas Tree until they saw it. Seppanen stated that he is stressing to the committee that the Township Committees need to work together and the Township pays all the expenses of maintenance and utilities for the Museum. Anderson-Leake moved to place the Information Center on the south side of the street across from the Museum with Haskett supporting. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Absent. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 3. WEBPAGE DESIGN – ADD FACEBOOK? – The Board discussed whether the Township should set up a Facebook account. The Board decided that the account would need to be monitored taking too much time from workers and may be used by people for negative discussions. Haskett stated that people expect a response within one hour and they could email the workers and get correct information rather than Marla having to find out the answer to post. Information is published on the website and updated quickly.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:
1. UPLC TRANSFER OF LAND TO DNR – Stacey Welling Haughey thanked the Board for allowing them to speak about the topic of accepting the gift of the land from UPLC tonight. She is located in Gwinn. Doug Rich, Parks, Debra Gill, Park Manager at Van Riper. Anderson-Leake asked if any of the persons have been on the trails. Debra Gill hiked the trails with Andrea from UPLC and noted the area. Seppanen stated the details of Jackie and his trek on the trails. The Boardwalk was not passable and didn't exist in the spots where they stated. Debra Gill stated that if the DNR gets this land they would be included in the Craig Lake Park assets and they would perform a thorough inventory of the existing area which would include the cabin that is there currently. Doug Rich that it would fall into the current recreation passport funding and would be funded from the capital outlay process. The Trust Fund is not out of the question. Seppanen stated that the main loss of revenue would be to the RMPS system, and would like to know if the DNR would be able to do a special funding arrangement with the Township so the school wouldn't lose these funds. There isn't open access currently to the trails. Stacey handles the funding portion of the land gain, it would be based on a swamp land rate which is 4.356 per acre which would be an estimated \$5,600 annually between the Township and County. The gates currently belong to landowners with an easement to UPLC, the landowners refuse to move the gates. They would put in a parking lot by the Kewadin Lake Trail. Anderson-Leake asked if it includes the blue, orange, and yellow areas in the land that is going to be transferred. Ms. Gill stated it would include all three which is 1,300 acres. The Board stressed that this doesn't open the area to the public but keeps it private. Doug stated that the land administration of the area would be under the Natural Resources and xx Act, Craig Lake would not be open for ORV traffic. ADA access was given by code previously, but is not being done currently and the staff would be a minimum of thirty days in advance. Doug stated that it would be open between the park's regular hours. Mr. Murphy has 22 acres. The easement is set in the original deed and wouldn't be changed at this time. The State would have to get a legal review to see if the easement could be changed. DeRoche stated that the Board would like to see open access to the public from County Road 607, not the closed off access with the gates. Neil stated that he agrees that he is not in favor of this gift unless something

will definitely change. The County is meeting on the 18th of May to get their list of questions answered. The Board discussed what their expectations would be for this transfer of land to the DNR. Haskett asked if the Township has any say in this decision at all. The Board was not sure.

2. ZONING MAP APPROVAL – Seppanen stated that the Planning Commission approved the Zoning Map that is displayed on the wall for their review. The Township needs to approve it to be included in the Zoning Ordinance. Seppanen moved to approve the Zoning Map supported by Hanson. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 3. CEMETERY OPENED MAY 4TH – Seppanen stated that the cemetery was opened on May 4th for residents to attend to their cemetery plot as needed. It will be cleaned by the DPW workers to be ready for Memorial Day.
 4. ANNUAL REPORTS
 - a. EMS REPORT 2020 – Seppanen read the EMS 2020 Report submitted by Paul Peterson, EMS Coordinator.
 - b. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2020 – no report
 - c. MUSEUM REPORT 2020 – Seppanen read the Museum 2020 Report submitted by Don Moore, Museum Coordinator.
 - d. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT 2020 – Anderson-Leake read the DDA 2020 Report and explained that the Township has not received the TIFF taxes from the County to date submitted by Scott Gravedoni.
 - e. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 2020 – Seppanen read the Planning Commission 2020 Report submitted by Jan Anderson and Robert Dellangelo.
 - f. LIBRARY REPORT 2020 – Seppanen read the Library 2020 Report submitted by Cindy Coleman.
 - g. FIRE BOARD REPORT 2020 – Seppanen read the Fire Board 2020 Report submitted by Larry Frisk.
 5. LIBRARY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS – Seppanen stated that the library will be closed for painting and repairs. Anderson-Leake wasn't sure when the painting will start.
 6. SUMMER HELP HIRING/WAGES – Seppanen recommended that Kurt Schultz be hired for 32 hours per week starting at 8:00 am and Ethan Lawrence who is a Sophomore at RMPS. Haskett moved to hire the two recommended by Seppanen to start this week supported by Anderson-Leake. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, DeRoche, Abstain, Haskett, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain. Motion carried.
 7. MARQUETTE ROAD COMMISSION CRACK AND SEAL REQUEST – Seppanen stated that he sent a request to Kurt Taavola to provide crack and seal for specific roads. He added that the alley between Barnum and Max Street that has the water running down it constantly will be fixed by the County this year.
 8. PARK – DeRoche is requesting that the road that goes to the Park have some gravel added to it to improve the roadway. He added that the dugout roof is also deteriorating. Seppanen stated the Township may not have the funds to do that this year. Seppanen stated that the grant to refurbish the tennis courts has been submitted and is being revised as needed. The Township will hear about the grant in September and it will be awarded next year.
- X. CLOSED SESSION:
1. ATTORNEY/CLIENT INFORMATION REGARDING UPLC – Anderson-Leake moved to go into closed session supported by Hanson at 9:22 pm. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. The Board came out of closed session at 9:36 pm. Seppanen moved to accept the recommendation of the lawyer for UPLC to pay the delinquent back taxes supported by DeRoche. Roll call: Anderson-Leake, Aye, Haskett, Aye, DeRoche, Aye, Seppanen, Aye, Hanson, Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – Paul Olson – mudhole at the end of the alley needs to be filled in, Cindy Coleman thanked the Board for continued support of the Library.
- XII. BOARD COMMENT – None.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Haskett moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm seconded by Anderson-Leake. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.