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Michigamme Township Board Meeting  
July 11, 2022  
Draft Minutes

Board Members present: Supervisor Boshears, Clerk Hanson, Treasurer Haskett, Trustee DeRoche, Trustee Anderson-Leake.

Guests present: Kathi Hanson, Ruth Starr, William Seppanen, Nancy Ferro, Joe Perry, Beth Koenig, Theresa Prisk, Paul Peterson, Laura Mattson, Brad Delongchamp, Joan Carlisle, Anke Jakobi, Michael Jakobi.

I: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Boshears at 6:00 pm.

II: Pledge of Allegiance stated.

III: Roll call by Clerk Hanson. All present.

IV: Changes or Additions to the Agenda: One addition to Old Business (#9) Trailer.

V: Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Anderson-Leake found errors in the June meeting minutes that need to be corrected. Under Unpaid bills she did not approve Cascade bill as listed because it should have been listed as the EGLE bill; the Cascade bill still needs to be paid. The park grant is in phase two not three. Her request for the bathrooms at park renovation quote (to become ADA compliant) was for a professional design blueprint only not for work to be done. Typos found on May 23<sup>rd</sup> special meeting minutes will be corrected as well.

Motion was made by Treasurer Haskett to approve the consent agenda with corrections made to minutes. Second by Clerk Hanson. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

VI: Announcements: (1) Supervisor Boshears reported Jim Nankervis resigned effective today from his position as manager of West Marquette County Sanitation Authority and Kristin Thorton (Treasurer Ishpeming Township) is officially taking over his job. (2) Our Zoning Administrator asked Supervisor Boshears to announce that anyone with complaints involving docks, beaches, water related concerns especially contamination should contact EGLE. They have a 24-hour toll-free line as well as a website (photos are appreciated). If you have any questions, contact Zoning Administrator, Erin Bertucci. Correspondence: Supervisor Boshears received a letter from Cindy Coleman stating what an asset John (DPW) is and feels his hard work and dedication should be rewarded with a raise.

VII: Public Comment (3 minutes):

Joe Perry gave an update. June was a very busy month for them. They had several training events including a helicopter landing in the baseball field for an air lift training. They would like to purchase a boat (approximate cost is 25,000.00) and they will fundraise for it on their own and ask for donations. They would like to request take over the Engine House and finish it up so they can store and display the steamer in it. They are willing to work with the Museum to get this done because the steamer needs to be moved to that location to make room for the future boat. The open house was a huge success. Many attended and they got three new people to sign up. They are still working on getting a new fire truck.

Paul Peterson stated Michigamme received the EMS Agency of the Year Award at their open house. In 2016 we also got this award as well as 6 individual received personal service awards. He wanted the township aware of this because without the Township's support (equipment) they would not have been able to do the job as well as they do.

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VIII: Board Comment:

Trustee Anderson-Leake congratulated the fire chief on their award and asked him to speak with the Museum Board regarding their wishes to take over the engine house completion as the Museum Board has long range plan in place for finishing the engine house which entails more than labor (costly items like the heating system, insulation, wall coverings). Since she is the liaison for the Planning Commission, she announced the first week in August the Planning Commission will publish a notice regarding the upcoming blight tour to be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 (which gives property owners a chance to utilize the August Dumpster Days to clean up their properties prior to the blight tour). She also wanted to thank everyone who volunteered for their hard work who during the Sesquicentennial.

Treasurer Haskett commented she attended several of the Sesquicentennial events and how nice it was to see the community so vibrant.

Supervisor Boshears commented on how amazing the decorated gym upstairs looked for their event and how great it was to see so many people volunteering and helping at the park and all the other activities during the Sesquicentennial. She thanked everyone for all their hard work.

IX: Unfinished Business

1/Street Signs Update: Trustee DeRoche spoke with Mark at the sign company and asked for an update. Mark said the blanks and paint are in and they are working on them. They expect them to be completed by next week. He will keep on them. John (DPW) ordered the twelve 10 ft poles from Market Fence that were needed too.

2/Dumpsters on Pesheekie Grade Gravel Pit: John (DPW) met with Deborah Gill from the DNR, and we have a tentative ten-year agreement with the DNR for this location. Deborah Gill will finish up the paperwork and send it to Lansing for review and approval. She anticipates a quick turn around on the approval process. John currently has 100 keys and when he gets the rest of the dumpster keys, he will put them in place and we will be ready to go.

3/Mower: The township purchased a small zero radius riding mower to use for the cemetery and other jobs in various township locations. Spurr Township was approached on sharing the cost and declined because the mower will not be used solely for cemetery upkeep. Supervisor Boshears has two different mower spec sheets available for viewing. If anyone would like to see them contact her.

4/Julia-Bathrooms at Township Park re-do to make ADA Compliant and drawings from IDI: IDI said their design fee to create the blueprint (drawings/design/specs) for the bathrooms at the Township Park would be \$4,800.00. Trustee DeRoche and Clerk Hanson stated they would like to see additional price quotes from other companies. Trustee Anderson-Leake said she would make more calls tomorrow and get back to the board.

5/Generator for Fire Hall: Supervisor Boshears reported since our last meeting we have had two site visits from Wolverine. They opened the generator up and reset it to the proper rpm, ran tests and everything works properly now in the firehouse and garage. She asked Wolverine to check to see if we have a service contract and if we do can they please send us a copy of it as well as a manual for our files. She also said we would like to have at least one service call from them, and John will observe so he can service it himself in the future.

6/Playground Equipment Removal update: Supervisor Boshears reported the playground equipment has been removed, the ground has been smoothed over, and looks great.



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7/Bids for the Garage Renovations: Bid was placed on the Builders Exchange and we received one bid from A&F Construction for a total of \$52,785.00 (Electrical Contractor \$17,353.00, Mechanical/Plumbing \$14,996.00, General Contractor \$20,436.00). After much discussion it was decided prices were only going to go up if we waited, it needs to be done, and we have the money to pay for these renovations in our budget. Motion made to accept A&F Construction bid by Clerk Hanson. Second by Don DeRoche. Clerk Hanson called the roll. Trustee Anderson-Leake AYE, Treasurer Haskett AYE, Supervisor Boshears AYE, Trustee DeRoche AYE, Clerk Hanson AYE. Five AYES. Motion carried.

8/Township Lots: We are in the process of discussing selling off some of our township lots. Supervisor Boshears has been in contact with our Township Assessor (Dylan) and he said once we submit a list to him, he can provide assessed values for each property (which is roughly 50 percent of the land value). If there are improvements made to any property, he said he would revisit that site in his 20 percent field inspection to reassess it and use those new figures. Dylan also stated that if we need an official appraisal to satisfy the list of requirements for the township we would need to hire a private state licensed land appraiser. Supervisor Boshears will contact MTA to find out before we move forward.

9/Glass Trailer: Currently our glass recycle trailer is at U.P. Fabricating being fabricated (it takes four weeks to do this). Trustee Anderson-Leake shared that Midway Rentals honored their original price with the Township even though the price has gone up \$1,699.00 since we ordered it and U.P. Fabricating also honored their original price with us even though the price of steel has gone through the roof. Supervisor Boshears contacted our insurance agent and we insured the trailer for everything except content (our agent said it shouldn't increase our policy cost for this year). Once fabrication is completed on the trailer it will increase in value. Supervisor Boshears will let our agent know once it is completed to make sure we have full replacement value on it.

#### X: New Business

1/ Resignation of Fire Board Member: George Kendall resigned from the Fire Board effective 6-29-2022 and we need to fill his spot immediately. A notice will be posted immediately. Fireboard applications (available in the office and online).

2/ New Fire Signs around Lake Michigamme: Many fire signs are missing and or damaged/faded and we need to replace them. Trustee DeRoche and Charlie Gardner offered to work on this project. The board will re-visit once all groundwork completed (cost/maps/etc.).

3/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Sale in the Engine House: Nancy Ferro would like to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Sale in the engine house. She will set it up the last week of July and hold the sale through Labor Day and then break it down. It is a fund raiser for the Engine House, and all monies go to the Museum. The Museum approved it. Motion by Trustee DeRoche, Anderson-Leake second. Voice vote 5 AYES. Motion carried.

XI: Public Comment (3 minutes). Beth Koenig thanked everyone who volunteered for all the 4<sup>th</sup> festivities and stated she looked online and an Eye-Wash that attaches to any faucet can be purchased for \$266.00.

XII: Board Comment: Trustee Deroche commented he had sticker shock is scary on the current price of materials. Supervisor Boshears thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Trustee Anderson-Leake thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thinks we are moving forward.

Motion to adjourn made by Clerk Hanson. Treasurer Haskett second. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 by Supervisor Boshears.

