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Michigamme Township
Monday, June 13th, 2022, Board Meeting

Attendance:

Board members: Rhonda Boshears, Nicole Haskett, Julia Anderson-Leake, Donald DeRoche, Neil Hanson.

Guests: Kathy Hanson, Laura Mattson, Paul Olson, Scott Gravedoni, Elizabeth Koenig, John McBride, Rose McBride, Jen Zwick, Joan Carlisle, William Seppanen, Brad DeLongchamp, Charles Gardner, John Grohh.

I: Call to order: Boshears called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

II: Roll call: Hanson called the roll- Trustee Anderson-Leake, Treasurer Haskett, Supervisor Boshears, Trustee DeRoche, Clerk Hanson. All present. There is a quorum.

III: Pledge of Allegiance- recited

IV: Consent Agenda:

1~ Agenda additions:

#13-Township lots on the books

#14-Price list for garage renovations

#15-summer tax deferment.

2~ Minutes: May 9th minutes have typos to correct; Seppanen public comment corrected and area of participation in the swearing in of the new supervisor added to minutes; re-word a few statements as well. (Corrected minutes will be made available on our website).

3~ 13th Special Board Meeting Minutes have one correction. Change 50.0 to 50.00. (Corrected minutes will be made available on our website).

5~ Unpaid bills: Anderson-Leake says she will not approve EGLE bill as listed because the state reimburses us, we do not pay them. Jeremy will investigate this bill. DeRoche commented he would like to see itemized breakdowns of what we purchased on credit cards. Haskett told him he is more than welcome to come in during business hours and see all bills. Anderson-Leake made the motion to approve the agenda and minutes with said corrections. Haskett seconded the motion. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

V: Public comment (3 minutes): Laura Mattson reported the community garden is going well. So far it is just her and she continues to offer it to all community members. If anyone is interested in joining her, please contact her.

VI: Board Comment: Anderson-Leake reported grant updates. Park grants(s) made it to phase two so far. USDA grant for front loader contacted her that they received all our information but



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are backlogged and will contact us once they have reviewed them. Anderson-Leake also stated we have 26 vendors for the Artisan Market on June 25th, and she placed a volunteer list by the sign in sheet for Sesquicentennial volunteers. They are still in need of volunteers for all events.

VII: Unfinished Business:

1: DeRoche reported street signs have been ordered as well as top hats, poles, and braces. Signs should be completed and delivered by the second or third week of July.

2: Copies of the annual fire department report were made available to all board members to review. (It will be made available on the website for all to view.) Hanson motioned to accept the annual report. Haskett seconded the motion. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

3: UPEA/Arrow Construction. No updates yet to discuss.

4: Playground Equipment Bids. We received two bids and both parties thought they were bidding for us to pay them to remove the equipment NOT purchase it for themselves. After much discussion the board felt this would be the case if we rejected both bids and tried posting bids to purchase the equipment again because to date, we have had no interested parties. We need to remove the equipment because it is a liability, so the board accepted Brad DeLongchamp bid of \$475.00 to remove all playground equipment and concrete substructures. DeRoche made the motion to accept Brad DeLongchamp bid for removal. Haskett seconded the motion. Hanson called the roll. Haskett Aye, Boshears Aye, DeRoche Aye, Hanson Aye, Anderson-Leake Aye. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

VIII: New Business:

1. Michigamme Township Investment and Depository Resolution R-2202-06-13-22. The board read and approved the resolution with the necessary corrections made.

2. Redevelopment Readiness Community Status: Boshears received and read a letter regarding our grant status. Due to the fact our readiness plan was not completed by the due date and due to the amount of recent turnover in our boards and office staff, they decided to deny our grant and give it to another township that was further along in their readiness plan.

3. Dumpsters on Peshekee Grade Gravel Pit: The gravel pit belongs to the DNR. John has a site visit June 15th with DNR. Hoping they will approve this dumpster site for Arfelin Lake.

4. Gravel for access road to park and additional low spots: Boshears reported we have potholes and low spots in the park that need to be addressed. She would like to purchase three loads of gravel at \$275.00 per load from Mike Tembrull (local). Haskett make the motion to purchase three loads of gravel from Mike Tembrull. Hanson seconded the motion. Roll call by Hanson.



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DeRoche Aye, Hanson Aye, Anderson-Leake Aye, Haskett Aye, Boshears Aye. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

5. Purchase small riding commercial mower for cemetery: John would like the board to purchase a small riding mower that will be able to mow between headstones. He will research and turn in prices to Boshears.

6. Purchase 5HP Semi-Trash Water pump Kit for DPW: The cost for the pump kit is \$519.00. We budgeted \$15,000.00 for sewer pumping and cleaning so the monies are available. Anderson-Leake made the motion to purchase the pump kit at a cost of \$519.00. DeRoche seconded the motion. Roll call by Hanson. Anderson-Leake Aye, Haskett Aye, Boshears Aye, DeRoche Aye, Hanson Aye. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

7. Bathrooms at township park re-do to make ADA compliant. The bathroom doors at the park need to be addressed; they are not ADA compliant (too small for wheelchair access). Anderson-Leake asked permission to contact IDI for a quote for doing a blueprint. Haskett made the motion. DeRoche seconded it. Voice vote 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

8. Hire Kurt Schultz as full-time employee and offer benefits. Since November 2021 Kurt has been filling in for Jan who is out on workman comp. Kurt has been working full-time without benefits because he was initially hired as a part-time employee. Since Jan cannot return to work yet and Kurt is working a 40-hour work week the board discussed and decided to change Kurt's status to full-time with benefits and vacation. Motion made by DeRoche, Seconded by Haskett. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

9. Campground rule regarding more than 1 camper trailer per lot: Boshears questioned why we limit only one trailer and tent per lot. Anderson-Leake stated state parks only allow one per site to control overflow, noise, etc. After further discussion it was decided to create and post a "Campground Rules" notice stating you must register and pay in advance (\$15.00 per tent or trailer) in the office (if closed place registration form and payment in the box outside) and the rules you must follow.

10. Change time of monthly meeting: Anderson-Leake questioned if we need to change our bylaws to change the time of the meeting. Boshears will research and get back to the board.

11: Generator for Firehall: Brad Delongchamp reported to the board our current generator does not have the capacity to properly service all three buildings adequately. When it is in use the firehall doors must be opened manually, some equipment must be shut down, and they have concerns regarding equipment that is sensitive to power surges. They would like to purchase one specifically for the firehall and let our current generator service the other buildings. After further discussion the board questioned if our current generator is not functioning properly.



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We will contact Wolverine to inspect it and while they are here, we will also ask them for specks and a bid for a second generator for the firehall.

12. Stipend for Fire Chief attending fire board meetings- Spurr will pay \$35.00 per meeting. Can we match? The Fire Chief is an elected position and gets a stipend already. He cannot also sit on the board therefore cannot be paid for attending fire board meetings.

13. Township lots on the books: Boshears stated we have townships lots we are not utilizing so we should think about selling them. Anderson-Leake stated she has coded maps that she created for the recycling program that she will share with Boshears once completed that the board can use to further research this topic and discuss at another meeting.

14. Price list for garage renovations: John presented Boshears with rough estimates for garage lighting, bathroom, and plumbing. The board felt more specifics were needed before they could approve these improvement expenditures. Boshears will follow up with John and the board will revisit at a future meeting. Stage lighting was also discussed; the cost to install new lighting is \$6,725.00. The current lighting is very old, insufficient, and needs to be updated. The cost for stage lighting was factored in the budget so funds are available to have them installed. Anderson-Leake made the motion to purchase/install new stage lighting. Haskett seconded the motion. Roll call by Hanson. Anderson-Leake Aye, Haskett Aye, Boshears Aye, DeRoche Aye, Hanson Nay. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

15. Summer Tax Deferment Ad: Property owners with small summer taxes (\$100.00 or less) can opt to defer them and pay all taxes on their winter tax bill. We need to take out an ad stating this; last year we participated in a group ad that cost roughly \$20.00. This year if we participate in the group ad, the cost should be around \$30.00 Anderson-Leake motioned we participate in the group ad. Boshears seconded the motion. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

IX: Public Comment (3 minutes): Bill Seppanen, Charlie Gardner, and Scott Gravedoni spoke.

X: Board Comment: Anderson-Leake thanked everyone for their ideas on building improvements and stated sawdust is our problem down at the park waterfront and she has a contact for possible grant. Boshears thanked everyone for their attention and patience during this long meeting. Haskett commented monies for building improvements was allotted in the budget last year.

XII: Adjournment: Hanson motioned to adjourn the meeting. DeRoche seconded the motion. 5 Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

