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Michigamme Township Board Meeting August 22, 2022

Board members present: Julia Anderson-Leake, Nicole Haskett, Neil Hanson, Don DeRoche, Rhonda Boshears

Guests: Beth Koenig, Charlie Gardner, Brad Delongchamp, William Seppanen, Ruth Starr, Terry McBride, Joe Perry, Roberta Frisk, Jack Schodrof, Sheila Gorisch, Nancy Ferro, Tim Werner, Lynn Werner, Kathi Hanson

I Supervisor Boshears called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II The pledge of allegiance was recited.

III Clerk Hanson called the roll. All board members present. There is a quorum.

IV Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor Boshears handed out Information to all board members to be addressed at September meeting

1: Cemetery Ordinance

2: Dylan Juresin contract expires November 1, 2022

3: Mqt County Road Commission Annual HMA Paving Program due Oct 1, 2022

She added to the agenda the board needs to set meeting date with Spurr Township

V Approval of Consent Agenda: Clerk Hanson made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Treasurer Haskett seconded the motion. Voice vote 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

VI Announcements/Correspondence: Supervisor Boshears read correspondence from Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator regarding two ongoing issues she is dealing with.

1: Complaints (past and present). Since she took this position, her largest task has been dealing with complaints. She has issued notices of violation, two have already been remedied. She also inherited complaints from prior administrators and has been in communication with the township attorney and is following his advice on how to move forward.

She will not be issuing citations until all other efforts have been made to mediate a situation. Complaints need to be made in writing. If any citation progresses to the court level, witnesses will be necessary for the Township to move forward.

2: Interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance. All inquiries need to be forwarded to her! It is unfair to property owners to receive incorrect information from anyone speaking in the name of the township (employees /board members). Since she is the current administrator, it will be her advisement to the community that will be enforced. Also, if anyone wants to construct or act on their property in a manner that is outside the constrictions of our current Zoning Ordinance, it is their right to apply for a Conditional Use or a Variance.

3: In addition, any concerns about water, roads or civil items are issues out of her realm of duty. She can direct you to who to contact if necessary and can be reached by phone 906-362-9799 or email zoning@michigammetownship.com. She hope this clears up any confusion and helps us all work together.

VII Public Comment (3 minutes) Joe Perry: There was no Fire Board Meeting, we did not have a quorum. Brad Delongchamp: Boat landing concrete buckling. He offered to remove the concrete with his equipment free of charge.

VIII Board Comment. Trustee Anderson-Leake thanked Brad Delongchamp for his offer to move the buckled concrete at the boat landing and reminded everyone Pete O’Dovero was contacted to give a bid. Clerk Hanson thanked all his election workers and Deputy Clerk Susan Alexander for all their hard work on the elections and said they are doing an incredible job.

IX Unfinished Business:

1: Street Sign Update: Trustee DeRoche reported we still need to purchase two small parking signs otherwise all other inventory is in. He has an additional bill to submit for the top hats and poles since we ordered them separately. Trustee DeRoche will continue to help oversee this project to assist John. DPW workers will put up the new signage.

2: Dumpsters on the Peshekee Grade Gravel Pit. The contract was signed, delivered, and returned to us and the dumpster has been delivered to the Peshekee Grade Gravel Pit location. John is still working on finishing up all the keys and will deliver them when completed.

3: Bathrooms at the Township Park to make ADA compliant. Trustee Anderson-Leake reported she has reached out to a few additional companies, and no one is interested to date in creating drawings for us. She will continue to research.

4: The glass trailer is in Rock presently, Supervisor Boshears will contact them again to see when it will be completed and delivered.

5: New fire signs around the lake: Charlie Gardner submitted an estimate for 8x12 signs. Discussion on color and sign text followed. The Fire Chief preferred color of road for each sign since their maps are color coded. If possible, the signs would read road name, location number, and Michigamme Township on them. Need to inquire if the words Michigamme Township can be on each sign. The new signs will come out of the Road Fund. Clerk Hanson motioned to purchase the signs that will be taken out of the Road Fund. The sign will be the color of the road. If road color not available, that road will have red signs. DeRoche seconded the motion. Hanson called the roll. Haskett Aye, Boshears Aye, Hanson Aye, DeRoche Aye, Anderson-Leake Aye. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

6: Township Lot sales: Supervisor Boshears reported we are still waiting for replies from Dylan and our attorney regarding selling township lots. Once she knows the legalities, she will report back to the board so we will move forward on selling them.

New Business:

1: We received one application to fill the position of George Kendall on the fire board. Trustee DeRoche made the motion to appoint Beth Howe Koenig as the new fire board member. Clerk Hanson seconded the motion. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

2: New computer for Assessor and Zoning Administrator: We received two bids. One very low (purchase online), one very high from 906 Technologies. Treasurer Haskett asked if we could double check with the Assessor and Zoning Administrator to see if they needed all the extras (the touch screen, etc) in the bid from 906. Trustee Anderson-Leake made the motion to move forward and purchase a new computer from 906 Technologies since we have a service contract with them once we know what programs are needed. Treasurer Haskett seconded the motion. Hanson called the roll. Boshears Aye, Hanson Aye, DeRoche Aye, Anderson-Leake Aye, Haskett Aye. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

3: Bid from Wolverine for re-keying locks on doors. Jeremy is still waiting on bids. We are looking into several options. We should have quotes by the end of week.

4: Two of our DPW workers have completed 90 days of work at \$13.00 per hour. Supervisor Boshears stated they are very conscientious and hard workers so she would like to give them a \$2.00 per hour raise. Treasurer Haskett made the motion to give them a \$2.00 raise effective immediately. Trustee DeRoche seconded the motion. Clerk Hanson called the roll. Hanson Aye, DeRoche Aye, Anderson-Leake Aye, Haskett Aye, Boshears Aye. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

5: Work on the DPW garage is coming along well. The lighting is great, doors and walls are in. No deadline date for completion yet.

6: Resolution Appointing a Township Zoning Administrator as Enforcer of the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance: The resolution was read. Motion to accept the resolution but change the date to August 22, 2022 was made by Trustee Anderson-Leake. Seconded by Treasurer Haskett. Clerk Hanson called the roll. DeRoche Aye, Anderson-Leake Aye, Haskett Aye, Boshears Aye, Hanson Aye. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

7: The Spurr Michigamme Cemetery Meeting was set for Thursday Sept 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm and will be held at the Michigamme Township Building. Supervisor Boshears will let Spurr know time, date, and location.

XI Public Comment (3 minutes): Beth Howe Koenig said her fire number and house number are not the same and inquired who to call about trees in power lines.

XII Board Comment: Trustee Anderson-Leake stated checks issued to Marquette Fence should come out of the road budget. She also found errors in the August minutes and questioned the Deputy Clerk purchasing ink to print at home instead of using the office printer. Supervisor Boshears said she will follow up and discuss printing with the Deputy Clerk.

XIII Treasurer Haskett made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Hanson seconded the motion. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.