

**MICHIGAMME & SPURR
JOINT BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023
6:00P.M
MINUTES**

Attendees: Beth Koenig, William Seppanen

CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order by Supervisor Boshears at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - recited

ROLL CALL - Supervisor Boshears called the roll.

Michigamme Township Board Members present:

Supervisor, Rhonda Boshears, Treasurer, Nicole Haskett, Trustee, Donald DeRoche and Trustee, Julia Anderson-Leake.

Absent - Clerk Hanson - Clerk

Quorum is present

Supervisor Killoran called the roll.

Spurr Township Board Members present:

Supervisor, Jay Killoran, Treasurer, Tammy Marier, Clerk, Jessica Omernick, Trustee, Dennis Benti and Trustee, Joel LePage.

Quorum is present

AGENDA APPROVAL - Addition to Agenda - Letter of Agreement for Joint Operations.

Addition to Item # 3 on agenda to include setting the date for the meeting with Tri-Media on Agenda item #3.

Haskett moved to to approve the agenda with the Letter of Agreement. Support by DeRoche. 9 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL - Benti moved to approve October 26, 2022 meeting minutes, Support by Boshears. 9 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

BOARD COMMENT - Anderson-Leake stated that she was glad we were getting this done. Boshears welcomed Joel LePage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

STIPENDS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS - Killoran explained the background of stipend increases. Board discussed amounts being paid currently to Fire Department officers and increases for 2023-2024. Michigamme and Spurr Townships will pay equal amounts of the increases.

Proposed increases as follows: Fire Chief increase to \$1620.00, Asst. Fire Chief increase to \$1200.00, Sec. increase to \$1200.00, Chief Engineer increase to \$1200.00, Engineers increase to \$1000.00, Training Officer increase to \$900.00

DeRoche motion to approve raises as discussed. Support by Marier.

Roll Call: Supervisor, Killoran- Aye, Treasurer, Marier- Aye, Clerk, Omernick- Aye, Trustee, Benti- Aye, Trustee, LePage - Aye

Supervisor, Boshears - Aye, Treasurer, Haskett - Aye, Trustee, DeRoche - Aye, Trustee, Anderson-Leake - Aye

9 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT FUNDS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS - Boards discussed options for annual retirement contribution or annual bonus for non-officer fire fighters who attend monthly Fire Department meetings.

Anderson-Leake made motion to postpone the retirement funds for the Fire Fighters with the exception of keeping the \$35.00 per meeting. Support by Benti.

9 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS -

WEX CARDS FOR EQUIPMENT - Haskett researched and will set up accounts for WEX cards for township vehicles and fire trucks and EMS vehicle. WEX is accepted nationwide and there are no fees to use the card and no fees to get cards. Each card is assigned to a specific vehicle and there will be a card just for filling gas cans. Using these cards will help when creating budgets for vehicle expenses.

CEMETERY FEES - Board members discussed various fees and compared fees from similar sized townships to help determine fees for Lakeview Cemetery.

Motion by Killoran to set cemetery plot fee at \$100.00 for residents and \$200.00 for non-residents. Support by Omernick.

Roll Call: Supervisor, Killoran- Aye, Treasurer, Marier- Aye, Clerk, Omernick- Aye, Trustee, Benti- Aye, Trustee, LePage - Aye

Supervisor, Boshears - Nay, Trustee, DeRoche - Aye, Trustee, Anderson-Leake - Nay

6 Ayes. 2 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by LePage to set a fee of \$500.00 to transfer a cemetery plot. Support by Marier.

Roll Call: Supervisor, Killoran- Aye, Treasurer, Marier- Aye, Clerk, Omernick- Aye, Trustee, Benti- Aye, Trustee, LePage - Aye

Supervisor, Boshears - Aye, Trustee, DeRoche - Aye, Trustee, Anderson-Leake - Aye

8 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by LePage to include the following fees in the fee schedule. Support by Marier.

8 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Winter Burial Fee: All costs associated with contracted services.

Disinterment Fee: All costs associated with opening and closing of a burial space are the sole responsibility of those requesting the burial.

Burial Fees: All costs associated with opening and closing of a burial space are the sole responsibility of those requesting the burial.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT - Discussed points of the Letter of Agreement including the May through October \$50.00 administration fee and the May through October monthly \$50.00 fee associated with lawn maintenance for Lakeview Cemetery. Discussed having a WEX card for Cemetery only to track gas expenses.

Changes to Letter of Agreement paragraphs 3 and 4 will include, “ to be shared with Spurr Township per Lakeview Cemetery Ordinance”. The date line will be changed to 2023.

Motion by Anderson-Leake to approve the Lakeview Cemetery Joint Letter of Agreement with the added language to share the information with Spurr, and the date change, to be approved this evening. Support by Benti.

8 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

At the next meeting of the Township Boards, Section 3 of the Lakeview Cemetery Ordinance will have the word “sibling” added to Definitions.

Supervisor Boshears will make the Fee Schedule for the next meeting.

MEETING DATES FOR 2023 MEETINGS

Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Spurr

Wednesday July 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Michigamme

Wednesday October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Spurr

Killoran will contact Tri-Media here for April 5, 2023 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Koenig thanked boards for approving raises for Fire fighters.

BOARD COMMENT - DeRoche thanked Haskett for her work on the WEX cards.

Benti commented on differences in board meetings.

Killoran commented on finishing the ordinance and fees schedules.

Boshears adjourned meeting at 8:17 p.m.