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Michigamme Township
Special Board Meeting
April 26 2023 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

Guests: Kathi Hanson, J. Leake, Tim Werner, Paul Olson, Bill Seppanen, Jerry Roach, Frederika Roach, Debbie Kinnunen, Carla Skytta, Rachel Howe, Billy Gierut, Scott Gravedoni.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Supervisor Boshears.
- II. ROLL CALL - Rhonda Boshears, Neil Hanson, Don DeRoche, Laura Mattson, Kay Frisk.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – RECITED
- IV. AGENDA - Approval of the Agenda: Trustee DeRoche asked to add 2 items
I - Sidewalks & Street Cleaner Sweeper for DPW. ~~and item~~
J - Late hours for office. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by DeRoche. Seconded by Hanson. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays.
- V: Public Comment: Frederika Roach, Debbie Kinnunen, Julia Leake, Scott Gravedoni, William Seppanen. Public Comment closed.
- VI: Board Comment: Boshears read communication from Rhonda Gravedoni.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Public Improvement Act: Act 188 of 1954, MCL 41.721 et seq (“Act 188”). Jim Brennan Republic Township Supervisor addressed the board and asked the Township if they would support the letter to amend Act 188. (Michigamme Township would not be required to participate if the amendment goes through.) He gave a summary of the current Public Improvement Act and the changes they are hoping to get with an amendment. Motion to support the letter to amend Act 188 made by Hanson. Second by Frisk. Voice vote; 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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B. Friends of the Museum 501c3 request for Money transfer: Boshears read a letter from Bill Seppanen stating at the April 12th, 2023 meeting of the Museum the committee voted unanimously to request the Township Board issue a check to the Friends of the Michigamme Community (a 5013c that raises money for the museum and other non-mileage township groups) for the remaining restricted private funds raised by the museum held in the township general fund. Mattson reported our ~~accountant~~ auditor needs additional information regarding their 5013c before the funds can be released. Motion made by Frisk for Treasurer Mattson and Bill Seppanen to meet/work with our ~~accountant~~ auditor to ensure accurate fund amounts can be put into their 5013c. Second by Mattson. Voice vote; 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

C. Dust Control Letter of Understanding: It ~~would~~ will be a 60-40 cost sharing basis. Cost would be \$2,163.00 (estimated usage of 5,150 gallons of the brine). Our cost would be \$1,297.80 plus 8.5 overhead charge. Township ~~would~~ will be billed for the project upon completion and adjusted for actual cost. Motion made by Laura to agree to the letter of understanding for dust control. Seconded by Hanson. Roll call: DeRoche Aye, Boshears Aye, Mattson Aye, Hanson Aye, ~~Frisk~~ Frisk Aye. Motion carried.

D. Summer Lawn Care: Inquiries were made to see if hiring out lawn care this summer would be more cost effective for the township. Boshears spoke with Fuller Lawn Care and they charge \$70.00 and hour. It is not cost effective to contract the work out. Township will hire additional summer help. John requested two summer hires to start work by May 15th 21, 2023. Motion made by Hanson to post a notice for Summer Help. Seconded by Frisk. Voice vote. DeRoche-Nay, Mattson-Nay, Hanson-Aye, Frisk-Aye, Boshears-Aye. 3 Ayes. 2 Nays. Motion carried.

E: Manager Position: During the March board meeting the board discussed hiring a DPW manager/worker to assist John with various paperwork. Board agreed to post the position. During the April board meeting there was further discussion that Mr. Hillis work with John on learning computer programs to track data, jobs, maintenance schedules and township equipment inventories. Frisk made a motion to postpone the position of manager for now and let John work with Mr. Hollis to learn the systems and programs to make it more efficient for him to do his job. Seconded by Boshears. Voice vote. Boshears-Aye, Frisk-Aye, Hanson-Nay, Mattson-Nay, DeRoche-Nay. 2 Ayes. 3 Nays. Motion defeated.

Mattson made a motion to post the position of manager/worker. Seconded by Hanson. Voice vote. Hanson-Aye, DeRoche-Aye Mattson-Aye, Frisk-Nay, Boshears-Nay. 3 Ayes. 2 Nays. Motion passed.

F: Township Lot Purchase: No action taken at this time regarding purchase of Lot 73; more research is needed before any decision can be made. Tim Werner would like the board to make an amendment to the original contract due to the change in status and value. Boshears researched the verbiage in the deed and found the state can take ownership of this lot if it is not used for its intended purpose.

G: Board Meeting Rules of Procedures: Discussion, no action taken.

H: Resolution Authorizing Administrative Powers: Boshears read Resolution R-2021-10-11-#11 Authorizing Administrative Powers to remind board members that DPW will perform efficiently without extraneous input. DeRoche made a motion that the Township Board share in the administrative responsibilities to ensure efficient operation of all rules and procedures of Michigamme Township. Roll call. DeRoche Aye, Boshears Nay, Mattson Nay, Frisk Nay, Hanson Aye. 3 Nays. 2 Ayes. Motion defeated.

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I: Sidewalks: DeRoche stated the township sweeper is getting run down and we should think about purchasing a new attachment for the sweeper John will research prices and get back to the board.

J: **Late Hours for Office:** Hanson made the motion to have late office hours (until 7 pm) on Wednesdays so residents that work can conduct in-person office business if needed. Second by Mattson. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.

VIII: **Public Comments** made by Frederika Roach, Julia Leake, Debbie Kinnunen, Bill Seppanen, Paul Olson, Rachel Howe and Kathi Hanson.

IX: Board Comments made by Mattson, Frisk, Hanson, DeRoche, and Boshears.

X: Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Boshears at 12:10 p.m.