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Michigamme Township Board Meeting
Monday April 11, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: William Seppanen, Neil Hanson, Donald DeRoche, Nicole Haskett, Julia Anderson-Leake

Guests: Nancy Ferro, Kathi Hanson, Paul Olson, Laura Mattson, Erin Bertucci, Rhonda Boshears, Richard Wedin

- I. Call to Order- Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Roll Call- Clerk Hanson called the roll- Trustee Anderson-Leake, Clerk Hanson, Supervisor Seppanen, Trustee DeRoche, Treasurer Haskett. All present, there is a quorum.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: Clerk Hanson motioned to approve the agenda. Treasurer Haskett seconded the motion. 5 AYES, 0 NAYES. Motion passed.
- V. Public Comment: (three minutes) Seppanen called for public comment.
1: Laura Mattson stated she is assisting Tim Warner to help him clean up his yard/house working with “Snug.com”. If you make less than 25,000.00 a year they will come and evaluate your home and make repairs up to 10,000.00. A dumpster will be at Tim’s home by next week.
- VI. Board Comment: Trustee Anderson-Leake thanked John & Kurt for fixing the library sink and Jamie for painting the bathroom and thanked everyone who came to the Sesquicentennial meeting- Recycle program on schedule. Public Grant was submitted 1 day early and thanked administrative assistant for budget help on it- May – July review/ then do a site review/Aug – Sept score/ Oct final scores/ Dec find out if you got the grant.
Treasurer Haskett stated she is getting the township set up for credit card payments. Gov Pros will process for us and hoping by May to be taking credit card payments for sewer and taxes. There is a 3.5% user fee charge, checks will also still be taken as form of payment.
Clerk Hanson stated that he spoke with Mr. Seppanen and inquired about his copies of the resumes of all the people they were looking to hire. He stated that he also asked when they would go through all of them. He stated that he also asked when they were doing the interviews. He stated that he was told by Mr. Seppanen that Mr. Seppanen would give him a call the following day, they were doing those tomorrow, we’re doing those the next day. Neil stated that “Basically I was lied to because you had no intention of doing these interviews. Neil further stated that “We’ve never hired anybody here unless we did use a crew like hiring an Administrative Assistant.”

Supervisor Seppanen stated there were a total of seven applicants; all had been tested on Excel/Word, and two had already been interviewed on Tuesday; he decided to only have himself and Treasurer Haskett sit in on the interviews because he didn't want to stress out the interviewee (like he had been in a past interview for the township) with the whole board and possible residents observing the interview. Next week all applicants will be tested on Quickbooks, then board members will get the results of the tests and resumes of the top three selected by himself and Treasurer Haskett. Supervisor Seppanen also stated he received a check for \$1,200.00 for a surplus on eligible vehicles from insurance company. This money will go into the General Fund.

VII. Unfinished Business:

Added: Introduction of Erin Bertucci. She is looking forward to working with the township in her new role. She will hold office hours on Thursdays and can be reached at zoning@michigammetownship.com or by telephone. She loves to learn and has already signed up for six classes.

1: Street Signs: Hanson stated only received one bid. Trustee DeRoche stated we could get signs cheaper online; Trustee Anderson-Leake said she preferred to keep our business local and Clerk Hanson agreed. Trustee DeRoche said the bid we received was the company that gave them a discount on past signs and a good company to work with. Going forward Clerk Hanson and Trustee DeRoche will send them a deposit and ask for a prototype sign to be made (Blue with reflective white lettering.) Also inquire if top hats and poles included in price or need to be purchased separately. Supervisor Seppanen will call M-DOT to see if we can have a "Welcome to Michigamme" sign on highway without a permit.

2: Anderson-Tackman Audit Quote: \$10,500.00 for a full audit, \$5,000.00 for an off year audit. Treasurer Haskett prefers a full audit. Trustee DeRoche motioned to have a full audit, Supervisor Seppanen seconded. Vote: five Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business:

1: Department

Annual Reports: None

2: Budget Adjustment Resolution: Treasurer Haskett motioned to accept the adjusted budget, Clerk Hanson seconded. Vote 5 ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

3: USDA Grant: Trustee Anderson-Leake working on grant for a Back Hoe Loader. It is a CAT and has a fork lift, bucket, snow tires. If we get the grant we will owe 45 percent of the cost approximately \$56,973.00 (they will hold/lock in on price if we get the grant). Must do pre-application, have background survey, public hearing, and call three banks for loan and rates. Supervisor Seppanen thanked Trustee Anderson-Leake for all her work on the grants.

4: Annual Par Plan Insurance: Supervisor Seppanen suggested we add terrorism insurance. Tabled till upcoming special board meeting when he had more information to share.

5: Excess Equipment Sale: We have four fan cages from the gym. Township will keep one and put the other three up for sealed bids and open at the May meeting.

6: Employees Reviews/Raises: Supervisor Seppanen stated we gave them a 5.9 cost of living plus 3 percent increase. Treasurer Haskett motioned to give employees said raises. Trustee Anderson-Leake seconded. Vote: 5 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

7: Schedule Dumpster Days: Dates set were Wednesday June 15th 8am-5pm, Thursday June 16th 8am-8pm, Friday June 17th 8am-5pm, Saturday June 18th 8-noon. Fall dumpster dates are Wednesday August 17th 8am-5pm, Thursday August 18th 8am-8pm, Friday August 19th 8am-5pm, Saturday August 20th 8-noon.

IX. Public Comment: Paul Olson stated side of museum needs to be fixed, ice knocked off covers and side door hinges are off. Laura Matteson sad she has a lot she would donate for a community garden for the township. Trustee Anderson-Leake informed Laura that Caron Christopherson is looking for a lot and it was

generous of Laura to offer her lot for use. Richard Wedin stated he hates the weeds that are in front of his house. He stated that he never wanted them, they were put there and that they are not maintained.

X. Board Comment: Trustee Anderson-Leake thanked Laura Matteson for the offer of her lot for a garden and thanked Paul Olson for noticing and letting the board know of needed township repairs.

Trustee DeRoche thanked Julia for all her hard work on the township gardens, liked the roman numerals on the board packets (easy to follow) and would like to meet the new various board members.

Supervisor Seppanen stated the town rain gardens as you come into town were created by Alvar not him and since they do not hinder his site to gain access to the road they are staying.

XI. Adjournment: Clerk Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting. Tresurer Haskett seconded. Vote 5 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm