

Supervisor – Rhonda Boshears
Trustee – Kathleen Frisk

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Michigamme Township Board
Michigamme Township Community Building
October 9, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attendees: Beth Koenig, Gary Koenig, Jerry Roach, Friederike Roach, Billy Gierut, Joan Carlisle, Paul Olson, Johnnie Hillis, Tami Hillis, Bill Seppanen, Nancy Ferro, Ruth Starr, Laura Thompson, Brad DeLongchamp, Rose McBride, Terry McBride, Marsha McBride, Margaret Luke, Debbie Kinnunen, Irene DeRoche

- I. CALL TO ORDER -The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Boshears at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – recited.
- III. ROLL CALL - MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Boshears, Treasurer Mattson, Trustee DeRoche, Trustee Frisk. Quorum present.
- IV. AGENDA: Frisk moved to approve the agenda with DeRoche supporting. Five additions to the agenda DeRoche requested adding #8, Key for PC Chair, Boshears requested adding #9, Credit card use, #10, Reimbursement by Mattson for EMT training, #11, Board member resignation, #12, Filling board position.
 1. AGENDA
 2. MINUTES - Motion by Mattson, support by Frisk to approve minutes with corrections.
 - a. Approval of Draft minutes Special Meeting 18 Sept 23
 - b. Approval of Draft minutes Regular Meeting 11 Sept 23
 - c. Approval of Draft minutes Special Meeting 8 Aug 2023
 - d. Approval of Draft Minutes Regular Meeting 14 Aug 2023
 - e. Approval of Draft Minutes Special Meeting 26 Sept 2023
 3. TREASURER’S REPORT – Motion by DeRoche, support by Frisk to approve Treasurer’s report. Boshears stated she would not accept because it was not available until just before the meeting and did not give members enough time to review and prepare to ask questions about it.
 4. BILLS TO BE PAID – Motion by Frisk, support by DeRoche to pay bills. All in favor. 4 Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: B. Koenig, D. Kinnunen, R. McBride, M. McBride, B. Gierut asked to reserve time for item #8 under New Business.

BOARD COMMENT:

- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. FIRE BOARD: Trustee DeRoche - FD is seeking bids for new Scott Air-Pak. FD subscription for lamResponding needs to be approved. Boshears stated that the next joint meeting of Township Boards will be 23 October 2023 and boards can make decision then.
 - B. PLANNING COMMISSION: PC Liaison Frisk was not present at meeting – no report.
 - C. DDA: Gravedoni – Artisan’s Market will be held upstairs of the Community Building on Saturday, 4 November 2023. Comment about the park bathrooms being locked and people not being able to access them.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE – Boshears read letter from Friends of the Michigamme Community requesting all memorial funds for the Cameron and Leona Luke memorials.
Boshears read Letter of Resignation from Johnnie Hillis who resigned from Deputy Supervisor position.
Boshears read letter of complaint for 4 October 2023 incident involving PC Chair B. Gierut.
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes on agenda items only)
Reserve time for later: B. Koenig, D. Kinnunen, M. McBride, R. McBride, B. Gierut
- IX. BOARD COMMENT – Comment by Frisk. Comment by Boshears regarding DeRoche interaction with L. Thompson about her being in office to do meeting minutes.
- X. CONTINUING BUSINESS:
- 1. PARK GRANT UPDATE: Trustee Frisk gave an update. More information requested and submitted. Questions regarding use of public restrooms at park.
 - 2. FDA GRANT AND PAYMENT FOR BACKHOE: Funds available for downpayment in CIP. Will add more funds in next budget. Downpayment locks in price. Frisk suggested that DeRoche find out if grant requires a Resolution and minutes from the meeting. Motion by Frisk to use money in CIP for downpayment on backhoe. Support by Mattson. Roll call vote: Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Boshears – Aye. 4 Ayes. Motion carried.
 - 3. COMPUTER FOR CLERK: Board discussed options for computers. Motion by DeRoche to purchase laptop for the clerk. Support by Mattson. 4 ayes. All in favor. Motion carried. Boshears requested that the agenda item #5 under New Business be combined with the computer agenda item. Board agreed to move agenda item and discuss. Board discussion regarding new server. Current server has been repaired but is not reliable and could go down at any time. Motion by Frisk to purchase new server and components for \$12,2998.44, support by DeRoche. Roll call vote: Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Boshears – Aye. 4 Ayes. Motion carried. Tami will check into the rebate of \$2,596.00 and the overnight shipping. The board approved extra cost of \$152.41 for overnight shipping if it is going to arrive overnight.
 - 4. FILLING CLERK POSITION: Boshears asked for nominations to fill clerk position. DeRoche nominated Irene DeRoche. Support by Mattson. Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Frisk – Nay, Boshears – Nay. 2 Aye 2 Nay. No action taken. Mattson nominated Billy Gierut. No support. No action taken. Frisk nominated Beth Koenig – Koenig refused. Boshears nominated Tami Hillis. Frisk supported the nomination. Roll call vote. Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Boshears – Aye. 4 Ayes. Tami Hillis stated that she will think about it and let the board know her decision in a few days. DeRoche wants the board to post that applications are being accepted for the clerk position for 2 weeks and do public interview to select a clerk.

5. NOVEMBER ELECTION – Boshears received email from County Clerk and forwarded them to Susan Alexander. Susan will run the November election.
6. DDA PURCHASE OF LAND – Corner lot at Brook and Main will not be sold. Tabled till a later date.
7. TRUNK OR TREAT – NOTICES FOR EVENT – Virginia Olson is making posters. Bill will announce at Senior Meal that anyone wanting to have trick-or-treaters at their home can get a yard ghost signifying trick-or-treater’s welcome. There will also be a maze this year.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. TRAINING UPDATES – D. KINNUNEN – D. Kinnunen gave updates on progress. Also stated that the millage renewal notice should be added to the website immediately.
2. DOG PARK – S. GRAVIDONI – S. Gravedoni provided a survey that residents can complete regarding a dog park. Frisk stated that the PC will be sending out a survey for the updated 5-year plan and the dog park survey can be included with their mailing.
3. USE OF BOARD ROOM BY COMMITTEES FOR MEETINGS – If committees need to use the boardroom for their meetings, arrangements can be made in advance. If board continues to use gym for holding meetings, they should purchase omni microphones for the members so the residents can hear what is being said.
4. COMPUTER AND EMAIL USE POLICY FOR MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP – Board reviewed Computer and E-Mail Use Policy for Michigamme Township. Motion by Frisk to accept the policy, support by Boshears. Roll call vote: Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Frisk-Aye, Boshears-Aye. Policy will be added to Township Police as Section 14.
5. SERVER FOR TOWNSHIP – Discussed and approved with agenda item # 3 under continuing business.
6. CEMETERY CLEAN-UP AND CLOSING DATE – Tentative closing date is October 20, 2023. Notices will be posted in usual places and on the website.
7. LIBRARY WINTER HOURS – Winter hours are in effect until Memorial Day. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
8. KEYS FOR PC CHAIR – DeRoche stated that the PC Chair should have a key for the Community Building. Comments by B. Koenig, D. Kinnunen, M. McBride, R. McBride, B. Gierut. No action taken.
9. CREDIT CARD USE – Boshears stated that she told the treasurer to get the credit cards updated and remove the names of past board members from the cards. Boshears stated that using the cards that have a former board member’s name on it is fraud and that the situation had to be corrected immediately. Treasurer Mattson stated that she had tried to get the names removed but had been unsuccessful. Frisk stated that she would go to the office the following morning to help get the cards changed.
10. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMT TRAINING – Boshears stated that she spoke with Paul Peterson about the progress on getting Mattson into a class. Mattson failed the EMT final exams. Prior to the beginning of the EMT training, the board agreed that if the students passed, the training would be paid for. If the student failed, the cost associated with the training would have to be repaid to the training fund. Boshears recommended following up on this issue because there was a large amount of money spent on training and it should be paid back.
11. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION – Boshears read her letter of resignation to take effect immediately at the close of the meeting. Frisk made motion to accept Boshears’ resignation, support by DeRoche. Boshears said no vote was needed. No roll call vote was taken.
12. FILLING THE SUPERVISOR’S POSITION – Boshears recommended filling the position as soon as possible. Frisk nominated Jonnie Hillis for the position. No support. DeRoche asked for a motion to post a notice to accept applications for the position. Frisk stated that the board actions were not in the best interest of the community, and she gave members a letter of resignation from her position as trustee. Frisk rescinded her resignation.

XII. Public Comment: Comments by B. Seppanen, M. Luke, R. McBride, J. Hillis, G. Koenig, D. Kinnunen,

- XIII. Board Comment: Comment by Boshears, Frisk, Mattson.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Boshears adjourned meeting at 9:50 p.m.