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Michigamme Township Board Meeting (Condensed)
Location: Michigamme Fire Hall
Date & Time: July 8, 2024, At 6:00 P.M.
Meeting

Guests: Nancy Ferro, Debbie Kinnunen, Bill Seppanen, Paul Olson, Joe Perry, Marsha McBride, Virginia Olson, Joan Carlisle, Jerry Roach, Frederika Roach, Laura Thompson, Chet Kosin, Debbie Oxley, Rose McBride, Terry McBride, Brad DeLongchamp, James Saunders, Whitney Saunders, Julia Leake, Michael Jakobi, Anke Jakobi.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Smith at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited.
- III. ROLL CALL – Members Present: Treasurer Mattson, Trustee DeRoche, Trustee Frisk, Supervisor Smith, Clerk Hillis. A quorum is present.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Frisk made the motion to approve the agenda as written, support by DeRoche. All in favor, 5 ayes. Motion carried.
 2. Approve Minutes – June 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting – Motion by DeRoche to approve the minutes with change, seconded by Frisk. All in favor, 5 ayes. Motion carried.
 3. Treasurer’s Report – Mattson said the Primerica accounts were all positive amounts this month, but these accounts are going to be under review. She is looking at switching the money over to Michigan Class because it is a yield of 5.5%. Motion by DeRoche to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Smith – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
 4. Bills to be Paid – Hillis asked to add 2 bills, which were: Ultra Construction for \$179,298.00 and OK Rental for \$5.15. Motion by Frisk to accept the bills to be paid with the 2 additions, seconded by DeRoche. Roll call vote: Frisk – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Smith – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Opening/Approving of Bids/Quotes (Smith/Hillis) Only bids were for the water intrusion and water diversion. This is a 3-part fix – 2 on the outside and 1 on the inside. Northland Basement Systems sent a bid of \$9,254.90 for the inside work. For the outside bids, A&F submitted a bid of

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\$8,968 and Hamel's bid of \$13,000. Smith made the motion to contact those who submitted bids to see if they are still interested, and if so, accept the bids and move forward, support by DeRoche. Roll call vote: Smith – Aye, Deroche – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Smith – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.

2. Hiring Ordinance Enforcement Officer (Smith) Supervisor stated either her or her deputy would respond to issues if something was brought to her attention. This will save the township money. Smith made the motion to not hire, seconded by Frisk. Roll call vote: Smith – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Deroche – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
 3. New Planning Commission Member (Smith) John Gregg submitted an application to join the planning commission. Hillis made the motion to have John Gregg join the planning commission, seconded by Frisk. All in favor, 5 ayes. Motion carried.
 4. Administrative Asst Position Pay & Benefits (Hillis) DeRoche made the motion to approve the \$1 raise for both admins after their 90 days, seconded by Frisk. Roll call vote: Frisk – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Deroche – Aye, Smith – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried. Frisk made the motion to give her (Shari) the 30 hours a week and benefits, seconded by Hillis. Roll call vote: Frisk – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Deroche – Aye, Smith – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
 5. Township Propane Provider (Frisk) At the December 11, 2023, meeting the board was made aware that on Dec. 3 the community building ran out of fuel, which is the second time in the past year. It has become a repetitive problem with UP Propane, and they had promised we would never run out if we stayed with them. Frisk made the motion to switch to Lacourt for propane, Mattson seconded. DeRoche said we need to put out bids. Roll call vote: Frisk – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Deroche – Nay, Smith – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried. Smith/Hillis will look into the requirement to put out bids.
 6. Private Roads, Undocumented Easements, Upkeep and Maintenance (Smith) Previously, this has not been done or paid for by the township. If it is done for one road then we will have to do it for other roads. Smith made the motion that the township will not pay for any graveling or road maintenance on private roads or undocumented easements within the township for any reason, Frisk seconded. Roll call vote: Smith – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Deroche – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
 7. Building Construction Update and Closure (Hillis) Updated board members on current construction and issues that have been brought forward about the building's condition. Currently waiting on quotes about the collapsed chimney/venting fumes properly. Hillis will look into when the next construction project will begin so then the supervisor can decide if the building can be open in the interim. Smith reached out to the insurance company again and was advised if there was active construction going on then the recommendation was to stay closed.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – J. Roach (election), M. McBride (PC/ordinance officer and responsibilities, building preventative maintenance, graveling private roads), W. Saunders (agenda format, garbage bins), J. Leake (garbage bins, elections, energy management plan, grant, senior meals), F. Roach (extra recycle bins), V. Olson (support of children's carnival, park construction/blocked off stairways/4th of July fireworks), B. Seppanen (garbage/recycle), J. Perry (appreciation of 4th of July

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volunteers, no personal fireworks), D. Kinnunen (garbage bins, agenda, bid process, building closure – people losing money-Nancy and Linda because they are paid by senior meals).

- VII. BOARD COMMENT – Smith (suggestions on preventing bldg. closure), Hillis (agenda, bids, GFL, backhoe grant received, deputy resigned, cluster box keys, Talon Metals Corp), Mattson (thanked attendees for being respectful, tax season, Frisk (thanked fire department/1st responders, 4th of July volunteers, garbage cans, ordinance enforcement officer), DeRoche (ordinance enforcement officer, garbage containers/GFL, Eagle Mine severance tax, master plan, Olson property, agenda).
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.