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**Michigamme Township Board Meeting**  
**Location: Community Building**  
**Date & Time: August 12, 2024, At 6:00 P.M.**  
**Minutes**

Guests: Nancy Ferro, Jerry Roach, Frederika Roach, Paul Olson, Rose McBride, Terry McBride, Joan Carlisle, William Seppanen, Scott Gravedoni, Rhonda Gravedoni, Debbie Kinnunen, Brad DeLongchamp, Julia Leake, Carla Skytta.

- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order by Clerk Hillis at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge Of Allegiance – Recited.
- III. Roll Call – Members Present: Treasurer Mattson, Trustee DeRoche, Trustee Frisk, Clerk Hillis. A quorum is present. Absent: Supervisor Smith.
- IV. Consent Agenda
  1. Hillis made the motion to approve the agenda as written, support by Frisk. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
  2. Approve Minutes – July 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Frisk to approve the minutes, seconded by DeRoche. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
  3. Treasurer’s Report – Motion by DeRoche to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Frisk seconded. Roll call vote: DeRoche – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
  4. Bills to be Paid – Motion by Hillis to approve the bills, seconded by Frisk. Roll call vote: Frisk – Aye, Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
- V. Public Comment – J. Roach (picnic tables to pocket park), W. Seppanen (no senior meals report), F. Roach (bills, quarterly report), P. Olson (park, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, liability, fence), J. Leake (audit), D. Kinnunen (reserve 3 minutes for community building in next public comment, minutes correction, remove museum from the Treasurer report, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Sesquicentennial). R. McBride (sanitation under UMB misspelled).
- VI. Board Comment – DeRoche (deputy supervisor has the authority to act, the only thing he can’t do is vote, he can respond as ordinance enforcement officer), Hillis (assessor update, Northland

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Basement appt is November 7 for inside the bldg. on the north wall, audit), Frisk (National Night Out success).

VII. Correspondence – Frisk read letter from members of the Michigamme Seniors, a response from the supervisor in reference to the seniors’ letter, and we received a notification this afternoon that Tammy Lynn Schultz is suing the Township of Michigamme for \$22,631,500.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Fire Board – No meeting due to National Night Out. The fire department has been awarded a \$24,000 side-by-side by Can-Am
2. Planning Commission – Frisk said they held their meeting, looking at having a workshop August 22 at 5 pm to work on the master plan.
3. DDA – S. Gravedoni said they had their meeting August 5, have a couple quotes for putting the poles in for the billboards, have bids on the LED sign, and working on finishing the town plan.
4. Michigamme Area Senior Meal – No report given. Board members informed committee that no quarterly reports have been received by the Township since before Neil left.

IX. Continuing Business

1. Park Grant Update/Survey (Frisk) everything moving on, informed P. Olson that he can get a copy of the topographic map, recommended putting up a snow fence between the Olson property and the park prior to next year’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. *(Board Meeting disrupted when P. Roncaglione brought in a sealed envelope and handed it to Frisk to read after public comment and then said to destroy it.)*
2. Compensation for Meetings (Mattson) asked to get paid for DDA meetings and other meetings that aren’t part of board members statutory duties. Mattson was asked to write a policy and then bring it before the board.
3. CEM Grant (J. Leake) currently under review.

X. New Business

1. Bids/Quotes for Propane, Boiler Ventilation, Security Cameras, and Picnic Tables: 1) Propane – ad in paper and letters sent to 5 companies asking for quotes for the 2024-2025 season, basing quotes on purchase of 11,860 gallons last year. Bids received: Krist LP Gas– pre-purchase rate \$1.489 or rate of \$1,589; LaCourt Bottled Gas – first fill at \$1.20, cap of \$1.60. If accept a 3-year contract, \$1.70 for second/third year; U.P. Propane – rate of \$1.387. Letter stated Michigamme Township reserves the right to reject any and all propane price quotes with or without just cause. DeRoche made the motion to accept UP Propane’s bid of \$1.387, no second. Frisk made the motion to go with Lacourt Bottled Gas with their bid of \$1.20 per gallon for the first fill, capped at a \$1.60 for the first year and capped at \$1.70 for the remaining 2 years, Mattson seconded. Due to community members questioning the specs and everything bidding the same, Frisk made the motion that we go with 1 year with LaCourt for reliability, seconded by Mattson. Roll call vote: Frisk – Aye, Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Nay, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried. 2) Boiler

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Ventilation – Proposal from Bianco and Estimate from Swick. Motion was made but not seconded due to being different descriptions, topic is tabled. 3) Security Cameras – Hillis wrote a \$5,000 grant through Par Plan, needs to be submitted by Sept 15, 2024. Superiorland Electronics has \$3,139 extra that the Township paid but never received a refund or equipment from a 2021-2022 quote/project. Received 2 quotes: Superior Lock & Security, Inc. \$11,514 for 24 cameras, 32-channel NVR, monitor, 2 wireless bridge kits, wire and connectors, and labor. Superiorland Electronics \$7,103 broke down \$4,803 for 11 cameras, recorder, monitor, battery backup and \$2,300 for wire mold/raceway (recommended), not included was the return of \$3,139. Hillis made the motion to go with Security Lock & Security, Inc. for \$11,514, Mattson seconded. Roll call vote: Hillis – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Mattson – Aye, DeRoche – Aye. Motioned carried. Resolution of Support R-2024-03-11-01 read by Frisk and she declared the motion adopted. 4) Picnic Tables – no bids received. Recommendation to put back out on bids.

2. Sewer Rates (Mattson) provided profit & loss YTD comparison for the past 3 years. Board members didn't receive it until just prior. Table agenda item.
  3. Community Building Rental/Providing Insurance if You're Making Money (Frisk) table agenda item until next month.
  4. Sell Street Signs (Frisk) money to go back into road fund. Recommendation to put out for bids. Open at next month meeting.
  5. National Forest Grant (Hillis) guidance from Sarah Etelamaki, admin, was money was incorrectly kept in general fund for past couple of years. DeRoche made the motion that we transfer the \$14,548.18 from the general fund to the road fund, Frisk seconded. Roll call vote: DeRoche – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
  6. Road Crack and Seal (DeRoche) this quote was for the year 2024, which was due to the road commission last fall and discussed by the board then. DeRoche made the motion to go ahead and accept the bid of \$15,776.49, seconded by Mattson. Roll call vote: DeRoche – Aye, Mattson – Aye, Frisk – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
- XI. Public Comment – F. Roach (sidewalk, park), W. Seppanen (seniors' contributions, sewer rates, garbage), P. Olson (park pumphouse roof), J. Leake (park parking, dogs on leash, ordinance enforcement officer), R. Gravedoni (security cameras, concern on the amount of money being spent, selling of street signs), B. DeLongchamp (garbage issues), D. Kinnunen (sewer rates-go with audit, propane bills), R. McBride (propane bids), J. Hillis (propane bids), S. Gravedoni (propane bids, fireworks – boats not allowed to come in earlier in the night, picnic tables at pocket park).
- XII. Board Comment – Frisk (Read P. Roncaglione letter about retracting her statement made during the July 12, 2021, board meeting, bring issues to us earlier), Mattson (grants), Hillis (ordinance officer)
- XIII. Adjournment – Frisk adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.