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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, ordinance officer), 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, 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 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)
  3. CEM Grant (J. Leake)
- X. New Business
1. Bids/Quotes for Propane, Boiler Ventilation, Security Cameras, and Picnic Tables (Hillis)
  2. Sewer Rates (Mattson/Hillis)
  3. Community Building Rental/Providing Insurance if You’re Making Money (Frisk)
  4. Sell Street Signs (Frisk)
  5. National Forest Grant (Hillis)
  6. Road Crack and Seal (DeRoche)
- XI. Public Comment (Three Minutes)
- XII. Board Comment
- XIII. Adjournment
- XIV. 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 \$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.

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attendees for being respectful, tax season, Frisk (thanked fire department/1<sup>st</sup> responders, 4<sup>th</sup> of July volunteers, garbage cans, ordinance enforcement officer), DeRoche (ordinance enforcement officer, garbage containers/GFL, Eagle Mine severance tax, master plan, Olson property, agenda).

XVII. ADJOURNMENT – Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

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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 than the recommendation was to stay closed.
- XV. 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/4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks), B. Seppanen (garbage/recycle), J. Perry (appreciation of 4<sup>th</sup> of July 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).
- XVI. 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