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Michigamme Township Board Meeting
Location: Community Building
Date & Time: June 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Minutes (with corrections)

Guests: Terry McBride, Rose McBride, Paul Olson, Virginia Olson, Jenna Zwick, Kathi Hanson, Justin Murawski, Debbie Kinnunen, Carla Skytta, Nancy Ferro, William Seppanen, Brad Delongchamp, John Mallard.

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Leake at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Pledge Of Allegiance – Recited.
- III. Roll Call – Present: Trustee Gregg, Trustee Seppanen, Supervisor Leake, Treasurer Nurkala.
Absent: Clerk Hillis.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Remove #9 Under New Business. Gregg made the motion to approve the agenda with the change, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of Minutes for May 12, 2025 – Motion by Gregg to approve the minutes, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report – Leake made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Gregg. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- VII. Bills To Be Paid – Gregg made the motion to approve the finances as presented, seconded by Seppanen. Roll Call Vote: Seppanen – Aye, Nurkala – Aye, Leake – Aye, Gregg – Aye.
Motion carried.
- VIII. Public Comment – D. Kinnunen, W. Seppanen.
- IX. Board Comment – Nurkala, Leake.
- X. Correspondence – One

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XI. Committee Reports –

- 1-Fire Board – Seppanen gave report.
- 2-Planning Commission – Gregg gave report.
- 3-DDA – R. McBride gave report.
- 4-DPW – Leake gave update.
- 5-Michigamme Area Seniors – ~~BW~~. Seppanen and V. Olson gave report.

XII. Old Business –

- 1-Cemetery Green Space – Leake is still researching. She hopes to have everything ready for the next joint meeting with Spurr.
- 2-Regulations Enforcement Officer – Spurr is interested, Humboldt is not, and the other places never got back to Leake. Will discuss at the next joint meeting.
- 3-WiFi Door Lock – Research WiFi coverage and door thickness requirements. Motion to move forward with the door lock by Gregg, seconded by Nurkala. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- 4-Website Update – ~~Information only.~~ Continue to work on website.

XIII. New Business –

- 1-Sealed Bid Opening – Concrete work and railing at the library. Only one bid-Closner – \$36,400. Motion to accept the construction bid from Closner Construction & Sales, Inc. by Gregg, seconded by Seppanen. Roll Call Vote: Gregg – Aye, Leake – Aye, Nurkala – Aye, Seppanen – Aye. Motion carried.
- 2-Scott Kenney Report and Transfer Recommendations – Update.
- 3-Per Diem for Committee & Board Training and Conferences for Meals not Provided – Gregg made the motion to adopt the out of state select cities rate for reimbursement with approved travel and receipts; but excluding adult beverages, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- 4-Laptop Purchase for Committee Work – Will research user account vs. purchasing a computer.
- 5-Resolution for Michigamme Spurr First Responders Team – Leake read an amendment to appoint Paul Peterson as a representative of the Marquette-~~Etger Alger~~ Medical Control authority for the next term; and the alternate to be changed from Charles Gardner to Stan Starr. Roll Call Vote: Gregg – Aye, Seppanen – Aye, Leake – Aye, Nurkala – Aye. Motion carried.
- 6-Resolution for Poverty Exemption – Justin Murawski, Township assessor, recommended changing the language of the current Poverty Exemption Resolution based on feedback after the state audit happened. Murawski presented the board with the recommended resolution language: The motion to re-adopt the resolution, changing the verbiage to, “Poverty exemption shall apply only to the applicants qualified principal resident. Under no circumstances shall poverty exemption be granted to apply to the property of a corporation.” Nurkala made the motion to ~~re~~-adopt Resolution 2025-06-09-#3 with the

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~~recommended language~~ change, seconded by Seppanen. Roll Call Vote: Leake – Aye, Nurkala – Aye, Seppanen – Aye, Gregg – Aye. Motion carried.

7-Museum AP & Switch Proposal – Nurkala made the motion to approve the one-time charge to add the hardware, seconded by Gregg. Roll Call Vote: Leake – Aye, Gregg – Aye, Seppanen – Aye, Nurkala – Aye. Motion carried.

8-Survey Quotes – Nurkala made the motion to ~~move forward with~~award the ~~bid to 906 Surveying, PLLC for \$2028~~,000 to survey all the Township owned lots, seconded by Seppanen. Roll Call Vote: Seppanen – Aye, Nurkala – Aye Leake – Aye, Gregg – Aye. Motion carried.

~~9-Solicited bids for sidewalk in front of the building--deleted~~

10-Administrative Assistant Sarah Etelamaki pay raise – Leake made the motion to give Etelamaki a 3% raise, seconded by Nurkala. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.

11-Planning Commission member recommendation for BOA – Motion by Nurkala to take the planning commission's recommendation to appoint Bill Seppanen to the board of appeals, seconded by Gregg. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.

12-Planning Commission request for legal review of new and revised zoning ordinances – Leake made the motion to request legal review for new and revised zoning ordinances from the planning commission, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.

13-Nancy Ferro request for fundraiser – Tabled.

XIV. Public Comment – P. Olson, J. Mallard, K. Hanson, W. Seppanen.

XV. Board Comment – Leake.

XVI. Adjournment – Gregg made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.