

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2020

Minutes for December 7, 2020

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott G. at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All members present via zoom.

Approval of Agenda: Julia L. motioned Approval of the Agenda with the date change for item IV to read November 2, 2020. Second by William S. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: William S. motioned Approval of the Minutes from November 2, 2020 with the change of doubles on "the bags" under Old Business #3. Second by Virginia O. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Nicole H. reported the checking account balance at \$21,226.57, savings account balance at \$2003.93 and the ICS account at \$5039.71 Payments were made to the Chamber of Commerce for \$310.00 (dues), WIKB Radio for \$50.00 (market) and \$180.00 (dental) Nicole H. would like us to think about moving some of our checking into a saving since we have such a large balance. Julia L. asked if the DDA pays for the chamber or is it the Township. William S. will bring this question to the Township Board.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: William S. informed us that the Mining Journal had three photos of the decorating of the gateway area. Virginia O. also sent in an article to the L'Anse Sentinel about the Christmas Tree lighting. Julia L. wanted to thank the Crock and Rocker for the cookies and hot cider served to the folks working on the light pole decorations.

Old Business

- 1- **Street Signs:** Scott G. spoke with Signs Unlimited about the cost. If we reuse the old blanks non-reflective it runs around \$20-25. Reflective Back with letters runs around \$30-35. They have a 15-20-year life. If we have to start with new blanks it's around \$50 William S. will add this to the Township Agenda. Joe C. asked how many do we need? He can do a sign count on his dog walking. Scott G. let us know that they can do them in batches and if we have the names ahead of time it will save turnaround time. Julia L. asked if the color scheme is blue? William S. thinks we should stay with the gateway blue, the new stairs in the park are blue too. Rose M. thinks we should opt for reflective because they are easier to see. William reminded us that we will have to do bids in accordance with regulations.

- 2- New Signage Information: Scott G. sent us all a sketch of the paddle and fiberon poles with caps to review. Members all liked the mock up. It was discussed and decided to get a list of all the businesses and township locations together. Kelly asked would they be engraved or applica? Scott G. presented aluminum as durable wrapped in vinyl. He would like to see a prototype to show around so the businesses would understand what they would be paying for. Joe C. suggested we make a mock-up of our own out of cardboard for the sign shops to see. Joe C. and Scott G. will make the mock-up. Rose questioned if the businesses should pay for their own? Julia L. feels it would not be unaffordable for them to. The DDA / Township should pay for the locations. Virginia O. would like to see them all the same, businesses can't put up their own on the pole locations. William S. feels the locations should be done by the Township, promoting the assets of the area. He will bring this to the Township agenda. Joe C. would like to see this information as part of the welcome packet.
- 3- Dog Stations: William S. reported that L'Anse was very helpful and they gave him the name of Dogi-Pot as the company they used. They were also able to buy replacement bags on Amazon. Julia L. will do the research for the next meeting.
- 4- Library Doors: Julia L. reported that she had spoken with Stonehouse and we are #10 on the list starting in January. We will get the work done, and have filed a completion extension date with the grant committee. Cindy Coleman asked to make a comment and said that she is concerned about the lock. The lock is part of the new install.
- 5- Zoning rewrite for signage: Julia L. recommended that we start with the 503 section. Scott G. wants to do section 502 when we meet with Bob D. in attendance. We went item by item through 503 with the following recommendations. 1) Aye 2) Add free standing 3) Add free standing 4) William S. will check with the DOT. 5) Aye 6) Aye with question bout how far off the center line is the DOT regulation. 7) Example, Moose Country Lodges is bigger than 4 square feet. Is that sign grandfathered in? Kelly O. let us know that it is a DOT approved sign. William S. will also ask the DOT about this. 8) Aye 9) Aye 10) Aye 11) Change to two 12) Aye 13) Aye We will do another section at our next meeting.
- 6- Welcome Baskets: Virginia O. would like to use handled bags for all the information. She will include Township and business information. Scott G. said that he can embroider on the bags if we like. Virginia will continue to work on this project.
- 7- Olson Plaque Ceremony: This will continue to be carried on the agenda so it is not forgotten.

New Business

- 1- Goals for 2021: Virginia O. reminded us that 2022 is the sesquicentennial, get your thinking caps on. William S. said we need to set our meeting dates for the calendar year of 2021, do we want to remain the same. William S. motioned that we keep the first Monday of the month, second by Rose M. all in favor.

2- Yearly Report to Township: Just a reminder that in May we must make a report. We will continue this on the agenda as a reminder.

Adjournment: Scott G. motioned to adjourn, second by William S. All in favor.