

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2021

Minutes for March 1, 2021

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott G. at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent was Kelly O., all other members present via zoom.

Approval of Agenda: Virginia O. motioned approval of the Agenda, seconded by William S. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Joe C. motioned Approval of the Minutes from February 1, 2021. Seconded by Scott G. All in favor.

Treasurers Report: Julia L. made the Treasurers Report since we are currently without one. Checking has \$21,046.57, Savings has \$2004.18 and the ICS investment has 5041.05 as of February 28, 2021. William S. motioned to accept the Treasures Report, seconded by Rose M. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

Member Comment: William S. welcomed new member Melissa G. to the DDA echoed by the rest of the members. Melissa G. is looking forward to learning and being part of the DDA. Julia L thanked everyone for all the work they have been doing to move our agenda forward. Joe C. let us know his bike shop will be ready to go this summer. He thanked Donald Leake and B & B Electric for getting him up to code on his new building.

Old Business:

- 1- **Zoning Report:** Julia L. reported that she has passed on all the suggested changes for signage to the Planning Commission. They would also like us to review any other areas in the zoning that we have suggestions on.
- 2- **Dog Stations Order:** Scott G. reported that they will be ordered in April since they are part of the 2021 budget cycle.
- 3- **Street Signage:** William S. reported that the Township Board will have this on the agenda in April, after the budget is done.
- 4- **Paddle Prototype #2:** Scott G. shared his drawing of the proposed layout of the actual structure that will house the paddles. Prototype #2 will be done by April meeting. Julia L. reported that the four signs along US41 are licensed through the DOT and recommended that we maintain them so we don't lose them. Scott G. said they can be recovered to be new and bright. Virginia O. remembers actually painting one of them for repair. It is the one that was taken down near the Cozy Inn and is in storage. Joe C. had the idea of a seasonal theme of what's available in our area. Scott G. reported that to change the entry sign would run about \$2000. **HOMEWORK**, think about ideas for the four signs.
- 5- **CIP Scoring:** William S. reported that the CIP scoring went well and there were many good ideas. He reminded us that anything under \$5000 is not a CIP. The DDA has \$8000 in CIP for the Information Center. Julia reported that the Planning Commission like the idea.

- 6- MDOT Carrigan Info.: William S. reported that his time has been devoted to the budget and will report at the April meeting.

New Business:

- 1- Election of Treasurer Liaison: Discussion was held and Julia L. motioned that Rose M. be the new DDA Treasurer Liaison, Seconded by William S. All in favor.
- 2- Bylaw Language: William S. motioned that we accept the language change pertaining to staggered terms. Seconded by Rose M. All in favor. Virginia O. motioned to change Article II section 1 last sentence to read, "One half of the DDA Members should represent businesses within the Township." Seconded by William S. All in favor.
- 3- Complete Budget: After discussion the following budget items were agreed upon. This will go to the Township Board for approval on March 29, 2021. Office Supplies: \$250, Postage and Delivery: \$150, Dues and Subscriptions: \$310, Advertising: \$1800, Signage: \$6000, Misc.: \$3000, CIP: \$8000
- 4- Spring Market: Discussion was held in regards to having the Spring Market this year. Rose M. and Virginia O. say we should go forward. One or two days? Rain Date? Museum Car Show? It was decided that the Artisans Market will be held on June 26th from 10-4 with the rain date of the 27th. Scott G. will contact the chamber to join us at our next meeting for an information session.
- 5- US41 Signs: Already discussed during the #4 Old Business.
- 6- Entry Signs: Joe C. reminds us that our LOGO is very important and should be reflected across all our materials. Scott gave an overview of the projects so Melissa could get up to speed. William will contact Nate Hefron in Negaunee about the tax zones they have. **HOMEWORK**, Logo ideas.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by William S., seconded by Scott G. All in favor. 8:22pm