

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2023

Minutes for January 16, 2023

Organizational Meeting

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by chair Scott G. at 6:05 pm., followed by the pledge of Allegiance. Absent Rose M. Laura M. in attendance for Rhonda B.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda. Seconded by Melissa G. All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Scott G. to accept the minutes from December 5, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in Favor.

Nomination of Officers: Discussion was held about the delay in posting for new members and how this has set everything back. It was decided to move ahead with all the positions except the Liaison Treasurer. Chairperson; Rhonda G. nominated Scott G. for Chairperson, seconded by Virginia O. Scott G. accepted. All in Favor. Vicechair; Scott G. nominated Virginia O. for Vicechair, seconded by Rhonda G. Virginia O. accepted. All in Favor. Secretary; Rhonda G. nominated Julia L. for Secretary, seconded by Virginia O. Julia L. accepted. All in Favor. Motion was made by Scott G. to postpone the election of Liaison Treasurer until we seat a full board. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in Favor.

Treasurers Report: Expenses reported were Media Brew for \$150 Market Advertising. \$89.62 for Food for Market. \$176.14 for canoe rack expenses. \$315 for post hole boring. \$223.23 Adjustment for? Total expenses \$953.99 Motion made by Virginia O. to approve the treasurers report. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in Favor

Laura M. asked if Rhonda B. gets a copy of the treasurers' report. Julia L. informed her that it is recorded in the minutes. The supervisor has access to all financial reports any time she wants.

Public Comment: Guest Mike Webster commented how much he enjoyed the 4th of July celebration and that he spent three days in Michigamme.

Member Comment: Julia L. wanted to extend her gratitude to Melissa G. for her service, we will miss her. We will also miss Kelly O. and all her business advice.

Old Business:

1- **Town Plan Review:** Kelly O. still has the materials. Discussion was held and it was decided that we will all work on it together. Julia L. will contact Kelly about getting the items. She will also ask her about wanting to order a sign for the Moose Drop Inn.

2- **Sign Post Covers:** Scott G. reported that the covers only go to 8 feet and the posts are over 12 feet. The cost of an 8-footer is over \$100. If we stack them, it will not be easy to seal the seams and if we cover with plastic and drill holes through it with the expansion and contraction it will be a problem. It was decided to do an oil base stain with aluminum caps. Scott G. will investigate the cost of the stain

and seven caps. Scott G. spoke with "Icon Signs" about relocating the sign near Shasta but he still needs a picture. They will look at it to see if it needs to be rebuilt and what it would cost. Discussion was held about contacting Raymond Butler to connect with "Icon Signs" as a sub-contractor for the post digging work because they cannot bore the holes. Scott G. will contact Butler for an estimate of cost and connect the two of them. "~~Signs Now~~" "Icon Signs" is locked in to rebuild the Moose Lift sign at \$1242.00. They are also going to do the Business Signs for us at a cost of \$79.70. The old cost is \$68.00 and the DDA will absorb the \$11.70 difference. They are requiring a deposit of \$550.75. Julia will pass this onto Jeremy to pay. He will give us an image of what the Birchbark Canoe for the top of the paddle signs posts. Melissa will contact Moose Country and Scott G will contact Plumber about wanting a sign. Crock and Rocker paid for two paddle signs.

3- Review CIP's: The AT&T building location is on the Township Lots for sale list. This was the site the DDA had in mind for the future downtown public restrooms and pavilion area. Julia L. reports that our budget numbers give us very little extra if we set aside \$30,000 in CIP's. It is suggested that we make the public restroom/pavilion \$10,000 and connect it to the park system and that the township invest in this project. We would leave the entry sign at \$15,000. Rhonda G. motioned that project #5 change from \$15,000 to \$10,000. Seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor. Motion by Rhonda G. to approve CIP project #1 as presented, seconded by Scott G. All in Favor.

Homework is for members to bring an idea for the entry sign on the cliff.

4- Final Budget Review: After final review it was motioned by Scott G. to approve the budget for 2023-2024 as presented. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in Favor.

5- 150 Banners Sale: The museum has purchased a banner even though we were going to donate one to them. After discussion it was decided to sell the remaining banners (8) for \$20.00 each on a first come first serve basis. They must pick them up at the building. Our cost was \$21.36. Motion was made by Rhonda G. to sell the 150th banners for \$20.00. Seconded by Julia. All in Favor. Julia will contact Banner Buzz for costs and write up what the website post will say for review next month.

New Business:

1- Seasonal Banners: Discussion was held and we would like to have Summer, Fall and Winter themed banners. The idea to use actual local photographs was brought up. We decided on ordering nine banners 2' x 3' for each category and start looking at holiday lighting ideas. **Homework will be to think of ideas for these banners.**

2- Facebook Site for the DDA: Virginia reported that Jen Zwick would like to hear what it is we want to do. She would be willing to update the site. Julia reported that North Country Designs, the townships vendor, said it is very easy to set up a site and that anyone can administer it. If we do it this way, we would fall under the township but could do our own posting. Not an interactive site, just informational. We will discuss this again

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Rhonda G., seconded by Melissa G. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.