

Michigamme Township DDA 2024
Minutes for January 4, 2024
Organizational and Regular Meetings

Opening of Meeting: ~~Metting~~ Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:12 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent Rose M., Tami H. Township Clerk sat in for the supervisor.

Introduction of Appointed Supervisor: Not present, Township Clerk Tami H. attended.

Swearing in of New Members: Rhonda G. was sworn in by Township Clerk Tami H. Rose M. was approved by the Township Board and will be sworn in when she returns north.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Virginia O. to approve the minutes from December 4, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Lisa S. All in Favor.

Nomination of Officers: Motion was made by Virginia O, to nominate Scott G. for the Chairperson. Seconded by Lisa S. all in favor. Motion was made by Rhonda for Virginia O. to be the Vicechair. Seconded by Lisa S. all in favor. Motion was made by Rhonda G. for Julia L. to be the Secretary. Seconded by Lisa S. all in favor. Motion was made by Julia L. for Rhonda G. to be the Liaison Treasurer. Seconded by Lisa S. All in Favor.

Treasurers Report: Julia L. gave the treasurers report and supplied a folder for the newly elected Liaison Treasurer Rhonda G. Julia reported that she and Debbie K. have been going through the reconciliations and are down to only four financial questions concerning the DDA past and present budgets

Public Comment: No one present.

Member Comment: Rhonda G. commented that the children's Christmas Party was fabulous. Thank you, cards will be sent by the secretary, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Deroche, Ray ~~Syring~~, Suring, Rose M., Manager at Menards, Daniel, and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hansen for their contributions to the event. Virginia O. commented on how great the Christmas lights on the poles look.

Old Business:

- 1- Budget Update: Given during Treasurers Report.
- 2- Christmas Party / future plans: Discussion was held about how well the party went even with the short timeframe to prepare. The kids had a great time, everything went well and Santa was fabulous. Rhonda G. has post-Christmas clearance shopped for next year's event and purchased many gifts. We will continue to work with the Friends of Michigamme to hold this event annually. The idea of reaching out to Carla Skytta about being a part of this event was discussed. Scott G. will ask the Township Board to budget some funds for this party as well as any other kid's activities. The idea of an Easter egg hunt was raised and it will be on the February agenda.

New Business

- 1- Bills for approval: The following bills were presented for approval.
 - *Items for Christmas Party from Meijers, 12-6 for \$33.30
 - *Items for Christmas Party from Walmart, 12-8 for \$46.75
 - *Items for Christmas Party from Menards, 12-6 for \$38.68These receipts total to \$218.73 minus \$100 from cash donations equals **\$118.93**
 - *Gifts for 2024 Christmas Party from Meijers, 12-29 for \$103.62
 - *Gifts for 2024 Christmas Party from Menards, 12-29 for \$65.81These receipts total \$169.43 minus \$70 cash donations equals **\$99.43**

Motion was made by Julia L. to approve the invoices as presented. Seconded by Lisa S., All in Favor.

- 2- CIP Choices: Discussion was held and the following CIPs were chosen. We will continue to fund the 2023 choices of the East Entry Way sign and the Public Restroom Pavilion. The new idea for a LED informational sign board was discussed and approved. The estimated cost will be \$18,000 and we want the township to pay for half. Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve funding the DDA CIPs as follows. LED signage for \$9000, East entry sign for \$5000, and Public RR and Pavilion for \$10,000. Seconded by Virginia O., all in favor. It was also discussed to contact Tim Eldridge about getting the CAD program at Westwood to do a rendered drawing of the public restroom and pavilion for the board to view. Julia L. will contact Tim E. The CAD program at the RM school is presently not being offered.
- 3- Budget for 2024-2025: Members went through each line item and the following proposed numbers were agreed upon. (see attached budget) Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the proposed budget for submittal to the township board. Seconded by Virginia O., All in Favor.
- 4- Set dates for 2024 Markets: The calendar was reviewed and discussion was held concerning combining the Spring Market with the annual Museum Car Show. We would like this event to be on Saturday as opposed to Sunday when the car show is normally held. We discussed how a one-day double event could be advantageous for both the DDA and the Museum. The DDA will handle the advertising, share the cost

of the music, and work out something concerning the concession. Lisa S. brought up the idea of a bounce house for the kids. Julia L. will forward information to Lisa S. about the bounce house company used during the sesquicentennial. Julia L., Lisa S. and Dan S. will attend the next Museum meeting to present the idea of this combined event. Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the following dates for the markets. Spring Market to be held on Saturday June 29, 2024, Holiday Market to be held on Saturday November 9, 2024. Seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor.

- 5- Set dates for meeting with Planning Commission: Julia L. let the members know that by regulation the DDA and Planning Commission are supposed to meet yearly. We are not sure what we are suppose to discuss so Julia L. will do some research to share with the DDA and Planning Commission so they are both prepared.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to adjourn, seconded by Dan S. All in Favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.