

Michigamme Township DDA 2024 Minutes for March 4, 2024

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent, Rose M. and Supervisor Heather S.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Virginia O. to approve the agenda with the addition of Bills for Approval added under New Business. Seconded by Lisa S. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Virginia O. to approve the January 4, 2024 minutes with two typo corrections. Meeting under opening of meeting and Suring under member comment. Seconded by Lisa S. All in favor.

Treasurers Report: Julia L. reported to members about the letter from the state treasury concerning last year's status of the TIF annual report not being received. This letter was given to the DDA by the clerk. Julia L. sent an email to the supervisor, treasurer and clerk asking that the treasurer do this ASAP. The report is 6 months late. The reconciliation report through 2-29-24 was reviewed by the members. Questions arose about the difference with the Range Bank statement on the checking account balance and the township report. After discussion Julia L. motioned that liaison treasurer Rhonda G. will question the differences and find out if last years TIF report has been sent in. She will also get a date for when the current TIF monies will be distributed. Seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor. Chair Scott G. has already spoken with treasurer Mattson about this year's TIF funds being deposited into the DDA checking. The last request to treasurer Mattson to put \$50,000 into a CD was not followed, it was transferred into the DDA's ICS account.

Public Comment: None

Member Comment: Julia L. informed members that the annual report will be ready for approval at the April meeting. Virginia O. let us know that she made a request to the office for monies to be budgeted for kids' activities in the township. The public budget meeting will be held on March 25, 2024 at 6:00 in the evening.

Old Business:

1- **Highway Billboards:** Scott G. gave an update that we still have to have the hole dug for the posts for three of the signs. Scott will call Icon signs about digging their own holes with a rented unit. We are abandoning the idea of using Mr. Butler. Dan S. will research who owns the land east of the Cozy and east of Michigamme Market.

2- **Christmas Items for Street Lights:** Rhonda G. has done the research on ordering snowflakes. The two companies she contacted had various prices but the best was Display Sales in Minnesota. The size agreed upon was 3 feet 5 inches and the style was the Fancy Forked Snowflake. It includes the hardware for mounting but not the shipping. The cost for eleven with freight will be \$3440.00. Rhonda G. motioned that we purchase the Fancy Forked Snowflakes. Seconded by Virginia O. Roll call 6 ayes, no nays, motion carries. Motion was made by Rhonda G. to have blue lights in the center and white lights throughout the rest. Seconded by Virginia O. 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion carries.

3- Bike Adoption Status: There are eight bikes in total and five have been adopted, which leaves three available. Julia L. will contact Jen Z. about updating the ad on the DDA Facebook site and get a copy of it to put on the township site and post a few in town.

4- Canoe Signage Status: Crossbeams and signs can go up when the weather is in our favor.

5- East Entry Sign: Scott G. is still waiting on the Mudmen price quote and would like to get more than theirs. Dan S. thought Fraco Stone might have a list of contractors that do stone work. Scott G. will call Ishpeming concrete and Fraco for leads. Julia will stop in at the DOT to have the map marked to where exactly the state land starts going west of our current marker.

New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: The following bills were presented for approval

*Two DDA storage totes from Menards\$33.96 (already paid by the office)

*Items for the 2024 Christmas Party from Sams Club...\$77.22

These receipts total **\$111.18** Motion was made by Scott G. to approve the invoices as presented, seconded by Virginia O. All in favor.

2- Set new CUPPAD meeting date: Julia will call Ryan Soucy about a date in April and to preferably attend in person.

3- Museum Meeting Outcome: Virginia O. reported that the Car Show has agreed to change their day from Sunday to Saturday and the DDA agreed to change their date from the 29th to the 22nd of June. The last chance rummage will not run on the day of the Market and Car Show. This is win-win for all parties.

4- Review CIP Scores: Not available

5- Pamphlets for the Information Station: We will ask Rose M. where she got all the ones she had for last year.

6- Newsletter Items for May: Members reviewed the 2023 entry and Julia L. will update it for review at the April meeting.

7- Fourth of July Float: Discussion was held and members decided that we will not have a DDA float.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to adjourn, seconded by Julia L. All in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.