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Michigamme Township Board Meeting
Location: Community Building
Date & Time: April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Minutes

Guests: Peter Starkey, Virginia Olson, Kathi Hanson, Debbie Kinnunen, Joan Carlisle, Paul Olson, Carla Skytta, Brad Delongchamp, Bill Seppanen.

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Leake at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance – Recited.

III. Roll Call – Present: Trustee Seppanen, Treasurer Nurkala, Supervisor Leake, Trustee Gregg, Clerk Hillis.

IV. Approval of Agenda – Under New Business, Leake requested to change #5 to Library Stained-Glass Window, add #8 FY 2024-2025 Auditor, and add #9 Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Gregg made the motion to approve the agenda with the 3 additions, seconded by Hillis. All in favor, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2025 – Motion by Gregg to approve the minutes with after changing the month from February to March, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 5 ayes. March 12, 2025 – Motion by Gregg to approve the minutes, seconded by Leake. All in favor, 5 ayes. March 20, 2025 – Motion by Gregg to approve the minutes, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 5 ayes. March 24, 2025 – Motion by Gregg to approve the minutes, seconded by Nurkala. All in favor, 5 ayes. March 27, 2025 – Motion by Leake to approve the minutes, seconded by Gregg. All in favor, 5 ayes. All motions carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report – Gregg made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Seppanen. Roll Call Vote – Seppanen – Aye, Nurkala – Aye, Leake – Aye, Gregg – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.

VII. Bills To Be Paid – Hillis requested to add 4 bills: Pomasl, Fish & Hunt Shop, and 2 reimbursements to Jennifer Zwick. Gregg made the motion to approve financials as presented,

seconded by Nurkala. Roll Call Vote – Gregg – Aye, Seppanen – Aye, Nurkala – Aye, Leake – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment – P. Starkey.

IX. Board Comment – Hillis, Leake.

X. Correspondence –

1. Department of Treasury - audit of assessor roles
2. Update from Scott Kenney- budget audit

XI. Committee Reports –

1-Fire Board – Seppanen gave report.
2-Planning Commission – Gregg gave report.
3-DDA – V. Olson gave report.
4-DPW – Leake gave update.
5-Michigamme Area Seniors – V. Olson gave report.
6-Fourth of July – K. Hanson gave report. Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated.

XII. New Business –

1-Hiring of Summer Workers – Leake made the motion to hire Ernie (Smet) and Martin (Suring) starting mid-May, and Theo Matuszak replacing Martin in mid-August, seconded by Gregg. Roll Call Vote – Gregg – Aye, Leake – Aye, Nurkala – Aye, Seppanen – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Gregg made the motion to pay the summer hires $16 per hour, seconded by Seppanen. Roll Call Vote – Gregg – Aye, Seppanen – Aye, Nurkala – Aye, Leake – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motions carried.
2-Utility Billing Frequency and Formats – Tabled. Need a quote with bar code on sewer coupon.
3-Auditor Location Decision – Nurkala made the motion to have the Supervisor contact Clausen and Associates to come local for an audit, seconded by Gregg. All in favor, 5 ayes. Motion carried.
4-Fire and EMS Training Pay – Tabled. Need more information.
5-Library Stained-Glass Window – Nurkala made the motion to approve the estimate to repair the stained-glass window, seconded by Seppanen. Roll Call Vote – Nurkala – Aye, Seppanen – Aye, Gregg – Aye, Leake – Aye, Hillis – Aye. Motion carried.
6-Website Design – tabled. Figure hosting cost.
7-Community Building Access – Board discussed putting up proper signage, i.e. office entrance, public entrance. Gregg recommended that we figure out the constraints that we are going to announce in the newsletter and have somebody speak with the people that seem to be requiring the conditions to be made. Recommended verbiage – Showers are available for residents, with pre-approval, for emergency conditions, such as for example – frozen pipes, or medical limitations, will be considered; Gymnasium and exercise rooms are available during

posted times. For safety, signing in and signing out are required for showers, gymnasium, and exercise room.

8 – FY2024-2025 Auditor – Motion by Nurkala to give Julia permission to search for a local auditor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, seconded by Gregg. All in favor, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

9 – Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Tabled. Julia will reach out to other Townships on the west end to see if they want to share the position.

XIII. Public Comment – D. Kinnunen, B. Seppanen, P. Olson, K. Hanson.

XIV. Board Comment – Nurkala, Leake, Gregg, Hillis.

XV. Adjournment – Gregg made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Seppanen. All in favor, 5 ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.