

Treasurer, Steven Eliason
Clerk, Kathi Hanson

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Supervisor

Trustee, Trudy Seppanen
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Michigamme Township Board Meeting
Location: Community Building
April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL (corrected) APRIL MINUTES

GUESTS: Debbie Kinnunen, Virginia & Paul Olson, Joan Carlisle, John & Rose McBride, Brad DeLongchamp, William Seppanen.

- I. Call to Order by Supervisor Leake at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.
- III. Roll Call by Clerk Hanson. Supervisor Leake, Treasurer Eliason, Clerk Hanson, Trustee Seppanen, Trustee Gregg all present. Quorum met.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Eliason, Second by Seppanen. Voice vote 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- V. Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2026: Motion by Leake to approve the March 9th minutes with the name correction of Smet. Second by Gregg. Voice vote 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
Approval of March 19, 2026 minutes: Motion by Gregg to approve the March 19th 2026 minutes as is. Second by Eliason. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0. Nays. Motion passed.
Approval of the March 23/ 10:00 a.m. minutes: Motion by Gregg to approve March 23rd 2026, at 10:00 a.m. minutes. Second by Seppanen. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
Approval of March 23/600p.m. minutes. Motion by Gregg to approve March 23rd 2026 at 6:00 p.m. minutes as is. Second by Seppanen. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.

- VI. Treasurers Report by Treasure Eliason, (see attachment). Range Banks has a rate of 3.85% on ICS accounts. Our Nicolet CD'S matured so I moved them to Range Bank. (It was a better rate than Nicolet Bank). Steve stated he is also researching other avenues for better investments. Motion to approve the ~~Treasure's~~ **Treasure** report by Hanson. Second by Gregg. Roll call by Hanson. Seppanen Aye, Eliason Aye, Hanson Aye, Leake Aye, Gregg Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- VII. Clerk's Report/ Bills to be paid. Motion to approve the bills to be paid, by Gregg. Second Seppanen. Roll call by Hanson. Seppanen Aye, Eliason Aye, Leake Aye, Gregg Aye, Hanson Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- VIII. Public Comment / 3 minutes on Agenda Items Only) Rose McBride thanked the Treasure Eliason for transparency treasurer reporting and the board for their hard work.
- IX. Board Comment: Eliason thanked Hanson for outstanding minutes. Gregg thanked Eliason for excellent reports. Hanson gave a huge thanks to Debbie Kinnunen for all her help correcting past discrepancies on the books and proud of all the board members for all their hard work. Leake updated audience on below items.
- 1: Budget completed and approved for 2026-2027.
 - 2: West End grant completed by Michelle Wilber
 - 3: Sewer letters went out.
 - 4: Seasonal DPW workers applications being taken until April 23rd.
 - 5: ADA compliant website delays during transition.
 - 7: New dining room chairs have been ordered.
 - 9: DPW now has standard hours of 7-3:30
 - 10: Senior meal finances have been incorporated into the township since they are operating under our federal tax number.
 - 11: The upcoming joint board meeting (Spurr-Michigamme) time has been changed to 7p.m. on April 21st.
 - 12: The 2026 sewer permit was completed by UP AE and submitted on 4-2-2026 to the state through EGLE.
 - 13: The John Deere Tractor and implements will be going up for sale on a minimum bid system.
- X. Correspondence: UPSET thanked the township for their generous donation and support.
- XI. Committee Reports

1. Fire Board: Trustee Seppanen gave her report.
2. Planning Commission: Trustee Gregg stated they have a meeting Thursday May 16th at 10:00 am to begin the steps for the master plan. There is a new state law about land splits; not sure if it will affect us or not. We will be consulting our attorney if needed.
3. DDA: Leake reported that the DDA is working on an ongoing list of items.
4. DPW: Leake reported ~~Donad~~ Donald Leake to assist with the DPW records and organization, also log sheets.
5. Friends of Michigamme: Debbie Kinnunen reported they are looking for people to send in any photos they have of the Northern ~~lights~~ Lights for the 2027 calendar. Please forward photos to Debbie Kinnunen by May 25th 2026. She can be contacted at 906-362-3072.

XII. Old Business

1. Scott Kenney Report (accountant) Julia read his report to the public.
2. MTA Subscription: After discussion, the board decided we will not be moving forward this year with the MTA subscription. Motion by Gregg to not move forward on the 2026 subscription. Second Seppanen. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.

XIII. New Business

1. ~~Millage~~ Millage for Operating Budget: Board discussion held. Will revisit.
2. MCTA Spring Banquet / Bus available: If interested in going, contact Leake by April 15th. The bus will be at the township at 3pm.
3. Permission to let bids for: 1) Fire alarm system in community building 2) Gravel at boat launch ramp 3) Concrete pile on mill street 4) Cook shack windows project 5) Michigamme archway sign poles. 6) DDA Gateway Sign Project. Motion by Gregg to have Leake let bids for items 1-6. Second by Seppanen. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.

- XIV. Public Comment: Debbie Kinnunen/ she would appreciate it if the board could make Supervisor Leakes monthly report made possible to the public. Could the heritage trail be a ~~mileage~~ millage possibly? Bill Seppanen/ You need to approve a ~~mileage~~, millage, but not necessarily levy the tax on it.

- XV. Board Comment: Hanson 4th of July meeting this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Steve Eliason thanked everyone for coming and being interested.

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XVI. Adjournment: Motion by Hanson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Steve Eliason. Voice vote 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned by Leake at 7:44pm