

Treasurer, Steven Eliason  
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Supervisor

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Michigamme Township  
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Phone: 906-323-6608 Fax: 906-323-6344  
Michigamme Township Board Meeting  
Location: Community Building  
May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

### CORRECTED May 11 2026 MINUTES

GUESTS: Debbie Kinnunen, Carla Skytta, Joe Perry, John & Rose McBride, Donald Leake, 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. Present Supervisor Leake, Treasurer Eliason, Clerk Hanson, Trustee Seppanen, Trustee Gregg. 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 April 13, 2026: Motion to approve the April 13, 2026 minutes with corrections by Gregg (cross off #4 in the New Business # 3 and 4 misspellings corrected). Second by Eliason. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- VI. ~~Treasurers~~ Treasurer's Report: Treasure Eliason presented his monthly report and took questions. Motion to approve the Treasure's report by Hanson. Second by Seppanen. Voice vote. 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 by Seppanen. Roll call by Hanson. Seppanen Aye. Eliason Aye. Leake Aye. Gregg Aye. Hanson Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- VIII. Public Comment / No comments.
- IX. Board Comment: Hanson thanked ~~Treasure~~ Treasurer Steve Eliason for his detailed reports, patience and knowledge. Supervisor Leake said that everyone works so well

together. Leake also reported that Eagle Mine is having an open forum on June 4<sup>th</sup> upstairs in the community building.

X. Correspondence: None.

XI. Committee Reports

1. Fire Board: Trustee Seppanen gave her report.
2. Planning Commission: Trustee Gregg reported that they met last week and talked about zoning administration and modifying the master plan to include a new museum project. They have prepared the master plan for preview and will share with the board for approval. Meeting Thursday to go over the rec plan surveys.
3. DDA: Rose reported they moved \$ 32,000.00 into an ICS account. They are going to be ordering pinwheels and beads to hand out to the kids during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
4. DPW: Leake reported Deputy Leake has a list they are working on.
5. Friends of Michigamme: Bill Seppanen reported ~~that~~ that the Memorial Day Service at the cemetery on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> is all planned (speaker, color guard, etc.) and there will be a luncheon in the gym afterwards.
6. 4<sup>th</sup> of July: Kathi Hanson reported that the fireworks and port-a-potties are ordered and donation letters have been mailed out. Bill Seppanen will be going to the Health Dept to secure our food permit. Virginia and Jenna are looking for donations and workers for the ~~kid's~~ kids 'carnival on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Hanson stated we are always looking for additional volunteers for all the festivities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

XII. Old Business

1. Scott Kenney: Leake read his monthly report. He is hoping to be done by the end of May.

XIII. New Business

1. Joe Perry reported our current truck is 25years old. If the Michigamme board accepts a bid tonight, the next step is for the bid to be presented at the upcoming Spurr board meeting for approval. (Jay is concerned due to the price being higher than originally discussed.) Motion by Gregg to accept the \$323,855.00 CSI Emergency Apparatus bid and make a down payment of \$66,257.00 contingency on Spurr's approval. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seppanen. Roll call by Hanson. Leake Aye. Eliason Aye. Gregg Aye. Seppanen Aye. Hanson Aye. 5

Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed. Upon Spurr approval, Joe will contact CSI to build the new truck.

2. Friends of Michigamme request: Leake read the letter requesting a new museum. The old museum has water coming through the concrete floor and it is causing mold problems there was a lot of ice damage. Leake stated the new Museum survey would need to be included in the Rec plan survey. The committee is willing to do research into what they'd like the new museum to look like. Motion by Leake to support a survey regarding building a new Museum building. Second by Eliason. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
3. Millage Resolution was presented to the board for approval. Supervisor Leake let the members know that the millage is not due until 2027 but if we run it this year, we will avoid the cost of a special election. Motion by Gregg as a member of the board of Trustees of Michigamme Township to levy a renewal of 4.0 mills, as thereafter reduced to 3.8457 mills by required millage rollbacks, for a period of three years (2027 to 2029), both years inclusive, for general operating purposes. Second by ~~Ealison~~ Eliason. Roll call by Hanson. Leake Aye. Hanson Aye. Eliason Aye. Seppanen Aye. Gregg Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Hanson to change Ernie Smet's work week back to a 28 hour summer work week from his current 10 hour winter work week. Second by Seppanen. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
5. Motion by Leake to hire two part-time employees (28 hours per week) for the upcoming summer staff (~~May~~ Mid May through ~~September~~ Mid September). One employee would do grounds keeping and one would concentrate on the long DPW list waiting to be completed. The two applicants are William Gierut and Brian Pringle. Second by Gregg. Roll call by Hanson. Gregg Aye. Hanson Aye. Eliason Aye. Julia Aye. Seppanen Nay. 4 Ayes. 1 Nay. Motion passed.
6. Guide Star proposal for combining our camera system so we can look at the cameras on both our computers or cell phones. They would come and train us how to use this system. Motion to accept Guide Star quote by Gregg. Second by Seppanen. Roll call by Hanson. Seppanen Aye. Leake Aye. Hanson Aye. Gregg Aye. Eliason Aye. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed.

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- XIV. Public Comment: Debbie Kinnunen asked the board to move the barrier for the car show August 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm. Paul Peterson thanked the board for their support. Rose mentioned the Artisan Market still has booth space openings. The deadline to sign up is June 27<sup>th</sup>. Fire Chief Joe Perry thanked the board and community for their support and is still looking for volunteer firemen.
- XV. Board Comment: Kathi Hanson thanked the ~~Ems~~ First Responders and Fire department for their dedication and hard work for the community.
- XVI. Adjournment: Motion by Hanson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Leake. Voice vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned by Leake at 8:15pm

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