

Michigamme Township DDA 2023  
Minutes for August 7, 2023

**Opening of Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All members present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda with the addition under Old Business #3 to also include canoe paint and to correct the items numbers for Old Business. Seconded by Virginia Olson. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Rose M. to approve the minutes from June 5, 2023 with correction of two typos and the addition of a cost under New Business #1. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** Julia L. went over the monthly report. There was a question about a reimbursement made to the DDA from the general fund on 5-8-23 in the amount of \$1853.95. Missing was the entry for the tax reimbursement from Banner Buzz in the amount of \$17.61. The billing for the car show plaques was paid out at \$66.57 when the billing was \$60.96. This lower rate was because Rallye donated toward the event. We will keep as is and use toward a credit with them next year. Copies of reconciliation summaries for May, June and July were provided for the DDA. Motion to approve presented budget was made by Rhonda B. seconded by Rose M. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** William S. spoke about flower pots that he had seen in Norway, MI and how nice they were. He will also be asking Carlos T. about any pictures he may have taken of the car show and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They may be able to be used for the Museum Calendar.

**Member Comment:** Rhonda B. thanked all those who worked on the car show and that it all went well. Scott G. thanked Terry M. for all the hours of sanding he has put into the canoe he donated for the entry display. Scott G. will pound out the dents and Dan S. volunteered to paint the canoe with a sprayer. Rhonda G. also let us know that she and John H. will be meeting with the MCRC about the drainage issue on the west side of Max Street by the entry.

**Old Business:**

1- **Town Plan Update:** Julia L. reported that she is still working on the typing and has located most of the needed data tables. Julia L. brought forward the idea of hiring Carlos T. to take all the pictures that will be needed. A motion was made by Julia L. to hire Carlos Terrell to take the pictures for the Town Plan at a cost of \$100.00. Seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor. The DDA will have a contract with Carlos T. for his pictures.

2- Spring Market Report: Virginia O. reported that it was a big success and sent thanks to those that stepped up to volunteer. Food sold out, the raffle went well and the rain held off. The Holiday Market will be held on November 4, 2023 in the gymnasium of the Community Building.

3- Signage projects/ canoe painting: Canoe painting recommendations to do etching primer then painting was given by Dan S. Labor will be free we just need to pay for the materials. Motion was made by Scott G. to have Dan S. etch prime and paint the canoe for up to \$200.00. Seconded by Rose M. All in favor. Scott G. reported that we have received the canoe for the top of the directional signage posts located on at Max and Main. 4 x 4s are bowed some, so we need to repair then stain and cap. Scott G. will purchase some 2x4 treated lumber for bracing with lag bolts.

4- East Entry Project: Discussion was held about the location and Rhonda G. reported on what she found out about the rules and regulations from the DOT. After discussion it was decided to keep the chosen location and to stick with the plan. This entails getting the land owner permission to use the space. Rhonda G. will find out who owns Brown Bay Properties so we can contact them with the request. Julia L. will contact Wausaukee about more drawing details from their signage project.

5- Brook and Main Street Property: We need more on the process of obtaining the property. The board has not decided what they will do. Scott G. will report on this at the next Township Board meeting. Discussion moved to September.

6- Painting the sign posts: Work on hold until the poles are straightened.

### New Business:

1- Bills for Approval / Submittal Format for the DDA: The following invoices were presented for approval:

- Food supplies for the Spring Market \$120.37
- Vikki Tikkanen musician for the Spring Market \$140.00

Motion was made by Rhonda B. to approve the invoices presented for payment. Seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor.

Rose M. presented a format for all members of the DDA submitting bills to use. It will be clearer and easier for us to track the budget and have much needed information for the annual report. Motion was made by Julia L. to accept the new format for billing submittals, seconded by Rhonda G. All in Favor. Rose will supply copies for members in September.

2- Lundin Grant: Rose M. reported that she had written and submitted a grant request to Lundin Mining for the purpose of purchasing one ADA compliant picnic table for the park. She was awarded \$1000.00. The check will go directly to the Township. Rose would like to purchase a plaque to be attached to the table acknowledging the donation. The DDA would like the Township to pay the balance of the cost of the table. Scott G. will speak about this at the next TS board meeting. Rose M. will research on getting the plaque.

3- Tree Trimming: The new billboard near Shasta has branches in front of it. Scott G. volunteered to clear them away.

4- New Tennis Court Color: Discussion was held about the request from Kay F. to the public about the court color. So far it is purple but the continuity of color in the township is blue. It is also easier to see for sports purposes. The entry arch is blue, all the new street signs are blue, the planters are blue, the stairs are blue and the new Michigamme Township Park sign is blue. Scott G. will let the TS board know that the DDA votes for blue for the above reasons.

5- GINCC Letter: The letter was concerning the DDA continuing to be a member of the GINCC. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Rhonda B. not to renew the GINCC contract. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in favor. Rhonda G, will contact the chamber about our decision.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Rhonda G., seconded by Rose M. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.