

# TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

Michael Bremer, *Supervisor* / Debra K Buckowing, *Treasurer* / Cindy A. Willshire, *Clerk*  
 Curt Campbell, *Trustee* / Ross DeMaagd, *Trustee* / Jake Jelsema, *Trustee* / Sandra Rairigh, *Trustee*



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## REGULAR MEETING October 12, 2020

1. INVOCATION – Trustee Jelsema

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Rairigh and support by Willshire to have Trustee Jelsema chair tonight’s board meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL:	Bremer: Buckowing: Campbell: DeMaagd:	Absent Absent Present Present	Jelsema: Rairigh: Willshire:	Present Present Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Eric Schaefer, Dan Parker, Chief Randy Eaton, and Amy Brown			

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Rairigh- Motion to approve the printed agenda.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 5 yes, 0 no’s, 2 absent.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Campbell- Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended with a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020 moved to 13. Unfinished Business item f.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 5 yes, 0 no’s, 2 absent.

6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioner Dan Parker:	Parker said that some residents of the county had commented they’d like more details about where the jail building would be located prior to voting. However, Parker explained that they have three options: tear down the existing jail and build on site, find a new property and build there, or find another building that could be renovated. He said if it was known which of these options had be chosen, it could drive up the cost of the property, so the county board had decided to keep this information confidential for the time being. However, it would be publicly announced very soon.
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<b>Board Response:</b>	Jelsema asked about tomorrow’s county board meeting and what was on the agenda regarding the sheriff. Parker said there would be the regular public comment time but didn’t know specifically who may speak. Parker stated that some residents have complained to the board which explained that the sheriff is an elected official and not an employee of the county. Parker said the Hastings City Police will have a presence at the meeting. A protest had been scheduled but it seems that has since been canceled.
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**8. RESERVED TIME:** None.

**9. CLERK’S REPORT:** None.

**10. TREASURER’S REPORT:** None.

**11. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** None. See Consent Agenda as report was included in packet.

**12. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:**

- A. Stryker quote for power loads – The quote includes two MTS power loads, one Power-PRO XT and one upgrade kit. This will allow the new ambulance, currently being built and due to be received next year, to have one power cot and the 2017 Ford ambulance to have a retro fitted power cot as well. This will help with employee’s lifting residents that are heavy. This is different from the original quote that had two new power cots.
- B. Questions? Campbell asked if this was something that was planned? Eaton said yes it was discussed well before COVID hit. Campbell asked if there were funds available in the budget. Eaton said yes. Jelsema asked where in the budget it was. Eaton stated there were options as to that. It could come from budget right now or could wait and be paid when the second bond is opened. DeMaagd said he thought it would come from capital improvement. DeMaagd reminded the board that original quote was for two new cots and that they investigated retrofitting the cots and by doing so have saved almost \$20,000. Eaton clarified that one of the two older cots won’t be retrofitted because it will stay with the Chevy ambulance that’s being downgraded to the bravo ambulance. The original cot from Bravo is being traded in.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	DeMaagd- Motion to accept quote from Stryker quote # 10152359 for a total of \$65,719.53.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 5 yes, 0 no votes and 2 absent.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Absent	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Absent	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A.** Server Installation completed – Campbell commented that he had been copied on all the emails and confirmed that the transition was completed. He was pleased with the process and felt it was handled professionally.

**B.** Broadband/internet update – Rairigh said there was no further information at this time.

**C.** Budget Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 a.m. Rairigh announced she would be bringing breakfast.

**D.** Ordinance update – Jelsema said they still needed to meet and hoped some time next week but would email others to arrange time. Stated he didn’t think Municode had gotten the other updates and would like to make sure all updates are on the website after the meeting.

**E.** TTES Millage capture agreement with the Village and the DDA – Willshire stated she didn’t have any further information about it except, like the others, had received it within the agenda packet. Jelsema stated that Supervisor Bremer was the DDA representative and was not here. Willshire asked if it could be delayed to next meeting? Jelsema said it could be time sensitive based on LTFA legislation and said it might be the same way. DeMaagd said the agreement is consistent with what Bremer had talked about previously of the gradual draw down of the capture by the DDA of the TTES millage.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	DeMaagd – Motion to approve, “Tax Increment Revenue Sharing Agreement” between Thornapple Township Board, Village of Middleville and the Downtown Development Authority.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Campbell
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 5 yes, 0 no votes and 2 absent.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Absent	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Absent	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

**F.** Review/revise Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020 – Campbell requested we change

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	<p>Campbell – Motion to approve the amended Meeting Minutes of 9-14-20 revisions within two paragraphs in the Reserved Time section.</p> <p><u>Original:</u> Nothing has been determined but, wanted to give the township board time to consider the issue and decide what amount of financial support up front may be given to decrease the percentage the township would be responsible for going forward on whatever plan of action was determined through the board of determination.</p> <p><u>Revised To:</u></p>
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	<p>Nothing has been determined but, wanted to give the township board time to consider the issue and decide if additional financial support may be available from the township beyond what the township might be assessed for if an action is taken to remediate an issue.</p> <p>Also, <u>Original:</u> Buckowing stated that the board should consider other flooding situations that have arisen in the township and that they look at treating everyone fairly. The board should set a precedence and be consistent with these types of situations. <u>Revised To:</u> Buckowing stated that the board should consider other flooding situations that have arisen in the township and that they look at treating everyone fairly. The board should be consistent with these types of situations.</p>
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Willshire
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 5 yes, 0 no votes and 2 absent.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer: Absent	Jelsema: Yes
	Buckowing: Absent	Rairigh: Yes
	Campbell: Yes	Willshire: Yes
	DeMaagd: Yes	

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** NTA quote for snowplowing – Quote is consistent with last year’s pricing. DeMaagd wondered why the salting cost more than the plowing. Campbell commented that it is the same at the township office, just more at TTES building.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Rairigh – Motion to accept the quote from NTA (Estimate 3415) for snow plowing at a cost of \$140.00 per snow event.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Willshire
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 5 yes, 0 no votes and 2 absent.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer: Absent	Jelsema: Yes
	Buckowing: Absent	Rairigh: Yes
	Campbell: Yes	Willshire: Yes
	DeMaagd: Yes	

**D.** Renewal of Pitney Bowes postage machine agreement – Campbell asked for a price comparison. Willshire stated it was 12 cents more than what we had been paying with a new machine.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Willshire – Motion to approve Pitney Bowes NASPO Value Point FMV Lease Agreement – Option C
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 5 yes, 0 no votes and 2 absent.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Absent	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Absent	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

**15. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Administration (Bremer, Buckowing, Willshire)**

**B. Cemetery (Willshire, DeMaagd, Rairigh)** Willshire stated it has continued to be busy with cemetery business but is going well. Rairigh said the committee needs to meet to discuss a possible increase to fees after receiving a rough estimate that the private roads in the cemetery would cost \$65,000.00 to repair. Willshire would like to do that after the election. Rairigh agreed. Jelsema asked what was included in that estimate? It was a combination of response from filling to total redo.

**C. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Bremer)** – 2,058 AV ballots have been mailed out and about 830 have been returned so far for the November 3, 2020 election. It has remained busy throughout the election season, but all is going smoothly. DeMaagd asked what percent of voters that was? So out of 6500 registered voters about a third.

**D. Emergency Services (Demaagd, Bremer, Rairigh)** DeMaagd said we hadn't heard the summary from Chief Eaton yet. Eaton replied that it has been busy. They are only 15 calls less than last year at this time. February and early March were busier this year than last, but then Covid hit and last March, April, May and early June were slow. Willshire asked if it was because people were home? Eaton said it was because people were afraid to go to the hospital. Then late June, July, August and September have been busier than last year. Willshire asked Eaton about the Community Paramedics Program, he said it is on hold as there is a problem with the state and the university of Hannapel Minnesota. Hastings had a fire last week, 13,000 sq. ft. building from the late 1800's. One third of the walls had fallen and before they left another two thirds had fallen, over 600,000 gallons of water pumped. Eaton is working on the ambulance license renewal process. There will be a virtual ambulance inspection as part of that. DeMaagd asked about staffing needs? Eaton said they are still shorthanded during the day for fire coverage, but they have mutual aid. Had a garage fire they responded to this week but with Joe and Randy holding area and mutual aides arrived to offer further water in other areas, so they together were able to stop it from getting into house. Sometimes staff that are on second shift get trained and then they are able to change to first shift and then aren't available as much. Jelsema asked if driver's license renewal come through to us. Jelsema said school districts are having issues with their bus drivers so he wondered if we were as well.

**E. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, DeMaagd)**

**F. Parks and Recreation Representative (Bremer)**

**G. Personnel – Compensation (Willshire, Campbell, Bremer)**

**H. Property and Public Utilities (Jelsema, DeMaagd, Campbell) –** Campbell said Duncan Lake Sewer Authority had asked the board during the September meeting to take an action regarding the fee increase. Bremer had deferred to the October meeting and yet it wasn't on this agenda. Campbell was wondering why and stated it really needs to be on the November meeting. He wondered who needs to do the leg work. Jelsema suggested a motion be made to direct the supervisor add this to the agenda for the special meeting scheduled for October 21. (Not done though)

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Jelsema – Motion to approve the addition of this topic to be added to the agenda of the Special board meeting being held on October 21.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Campbell
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by voice vote. 5 yes, 0 no's, 2 absent.

**I. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Jelsema)**

**16. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None.

**17. POLL OF MEMBERS:**

**Jake Jelsema (Trustee) –** Senate is working on legislation to cover the Open Meeting Act so that all the meetings held during the Covid shutdown would still be legal.

**Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) –** None

**Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) –** None

**Curt Campbell (Trustee) –** None.

**Deb Buckowing (Treasurer) –** Absent.

**Cindy Willshire (Clerk) –** None.

**Mike Bremer (Supervisor) –** Absent.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TIME:8:04 P.M.**

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Campbell – Move to adjourn
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<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 5 yes voice votes.

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Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

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