

TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

Eric Schaefer, *Supervisor* / Debra K Buckowing, *Treasurer* / Cindy A. Willshire, *Clerk*
 Curt Campbell, *Trustee* / Ross DeMaagd, *Trustee* / Kim Selleck, *Trustee* / Sandra Rairigh, *Trustee*

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REGULAR MEETING May 9, 2022

1. INVOCATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Buckowing: Present Campbell: Present DeMaagd: Present Rairigh: Present	Schaefer: Present Selleck: Present Willshire: Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Chief Randy Eaton, Commissioner Catherine Getty, Amy Brown	

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to approve the printed agenda as amended with item 12 b. Archive Social removed.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 no's.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 7 ayes and 0 no's.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Buckowing: Yes Campbell: Yes DeMaagd: Yes Rairigh: Yes	Schaefer: Yes Selleck: Yes Willshire: Yes
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6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioner Catherine Getty:	John Smelker regrets not being present, but he represents two other townships who have board meetings at the same time. The Annual State Game Area Clean-Up was held on Saturday. There was a great turn out in Yankee Township and Thornapple Township may want to consider participating in the event next year. There is a state game area at the end of Crane Road where there has been issues with trash. Also, there is a Solid Waste Mini-Grant available for up to \$4,000 with a match of one-third of the funds. The program also focuses on educating
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	the public about the 3 R's: reduce, recycle, and reuse. Getty suggests considering a joint effort with the Village of Middleville. County-wide trail work continues. They are reviewing the corridors and planning how best to connect it to the rest of the North Country Trail. There is a County-Wide Master Plan meeting tonight and Linda Gasper from the Planning Commission is participating in the steering committee.
Board Response:	Thanked Getty for the update.

8. RESERVED TIME: None.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT: Revenue Sharing Update – Buckowing stated the last few Revenue Sharing Payments have been relatively high as the State of Michigan has made payments based on the new census data. An additional \$36,500 for 10/2020-9/2021 and an additional \$20,000 for 10/2021-2/2022 was received. The population in the township (excluding the village) went from 4,565 to 5,036 residents.

10. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Chief Eaton stated TTES continues to have a high call volume with 116 calls in April. The 911 board annual review showed fire calls are down 12.6 percent over last year across the county while EMS calls are up 10.4 percent compared to last year. Of those EMS calls, Thornapple Township makes up 18 percent of the total. The notification of the grant they had applied for has been delayed. They're still reviewing the applications received. Chief Eaton requested approval to hire three new applicants. One is for fire paid-on-call, one has both fire training and is a paramedic, and the third is a licensed EMT. Accumed pay backs for calls is on the rise. It went from \$475 per call to \$676 per call this quarter. Eaton received results back from the ISO testing that was completed last fall. The Village of Middleville improved slightly while the township remained unchanged. Chief Eaton showed the board the swift water rescue equipment that was purchased with donated funds. Those funds came from the turkey dinner, several gifts in memorial, and a donation from a resident. Rairigh asked how much an inflatable boat would cost. Eaton said it would be about \$5,000.00. Rairigh asked how many water rescues TTES had performed. Eaton said none so far, but Hastings was in the middle of a water rescue that had just been called in before the meeting.

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to allow Chief Eaton to move forward in the hiring process of 3 applicants to TTES.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 no's.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ARPA STATUS: SLFRF Reporting Completed Schaefer stated Dan Veldhuizen had assisted in completing the report to the state which is included in the board packet.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Duncan Lake Sewer Update – Great progress is being made on the construction and they are on schedule to have it completed even prior to the originally planned completion date.

B. Archive Social – Removed from agenda – Willshire explained that an archive of the social media is required for FOIA compliance but wanted to table this while she gets more quotes.

C. Great Lakes Energy Franchise – Ordinance 01-2022 – Willshire explained that this was necessary to grant permission to Great Lakes Energy to operate on public property so they can install fiber optic cable along the roadside and other public areas. A similar ordinance had been granted to Consumers Energy in the past.

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2022 – Great Lakes Energy Cooperative granted permission to operate as a franchise in Thornapple Township.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 7 ayes and 0 no’s.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Buckowing: Yes	Schaefer: Yes
	Campbell: Yes	Selleck: Yes
	DeMaagd: Yes	Willshire: Yes
	Rairigh: Yes	

D. Non-Statutory Duties Survey – Rairigh asked the board to review the survey so it could be finalized. Schaefer directed the board that if they felt the format was good then they would want to approve the survey as printed and then determine who should review the responses. Selleck suggested a due date of May 26 so that the committee would have time to review the responses and bring a recommendation to the board at the next board meeting on June 13. Buckowing asked if each official should evaluate themselves or just the others. Schaefer suggested not doing a self-evaluation.

MOTION STATED:	Rairigh – Motion to approve the non-statutory duties survey as printed.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 no’s.

MOTION STATED:	Schaefer – Motion to appoint Campbell, Rairigh and Selleck to the Survey Review Committee.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 no’s.

E. Resolution 10-2022 Emergency Services Millage Proposal – Willshire explained this action was necessary by the board to get it placed on the August 2 ballot.

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to approve Resolution 10-2022 – A Resolution to submit an Emergency Services Millage Increase Proposal to the Township Electors.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 7 ayes and 0 no's.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Buckowing: Yes	Schaefer: Yes
	Campbell: Yes	Selleck: Yes
	DeMaagd: Yes	Willshire: Yes
	Rairigh: Yes	

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration (Schaefer, Buckowing, Willshire)

B. Cemetery (Willshire, DeMaagd, Rairigh) Rairigh requested a discussion about columbarium purchase and installation for cremains containers. Willshire said she would schedule a committee meeting to discuss.

C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer) Spring Fest and the Middleville Market begin this Friday, May 13.

D. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Schaefer)

E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh) Schaefer said they will begin interviewing on Monday, May 16.

F. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, Rairigh)

G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Getty) Baseball games started tonight. Picture day is Saturday.

H. Personnel – Compensation (Willshire, Campbell, Schaefer)

I. Property and Public Utilities (Selleck, DeMaagd, Campbell) the light post should be delivered soon and the Village of Middleville DPW will do the installation.

J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Selleck) Campbell reported the potholes on Noffke Drive have been filled. Some residents are working on a petition to get a special assessment approved to pay for the road to be repaired. Chief Eaton said Moe Road is getting dusty and Schaefer commented that he would request a dust abatement treatment.

K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Selleck, Schaefer)

16. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Getty encouraged the board to consider applying for the Solid Waste Grant. Some residents of the village have told Getty they feel they have more items than fit in their bin and Getty thinks they would likely be interested in using another program if provided by the township. Getty suggested a spring clean-up type program that the township could partner with the village on. Getty suggested the Barry County Recycling Coordinator would be a good resource for ideas and further details.

17. POLL OF MEMBERS:

Kim Selleck (Trustee) – none

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – none

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – none

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – none

Deb Buckowing (Treasurer) – Thanked the board for allowing members to attend the MTA conference. Good information and networking occurred, and she appreciates the support.

Cindy Willshire (Clerk) – none

Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) – none

18. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 7:56 P.M.

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing – Motion to adjourn.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 no's.

Amy Brown

Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved 6/13/2022