

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

July 11, 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: Absent Willshire: Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Chief Randy Eaton, Amy Brown, William Richardson, Savannah Kaechele, Jason Preslar, McKenna Nichols, Sara Lee, Ron Richards, Alex Middleton, Justin Niles, Tom Daniels, Chad Klutman, Dana Yarger, Katie Tyner-Green, and Mike Powell.	

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to approve the printed agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 6 ayes, 0 no's and 1 absent.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 6 ayes, 0 no's and 1 absent.

6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT:

7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioner Catherine Getty:	None. Schaefer explained that Getty was unable to attend due to a death in the family.
Board Response:	None.

8. RESERVED TIME: None.

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Eaton said they had the same number of calls this June as last year June. Approximately 18% of the calls were EMS calls. Those types of calls are up about 5.6% while fire calls were down 6.9%. The alarm to arrival time is 15.12 minutes on average. In the Irving Freeport area and the southeast corner the response time is 19.16 minutes. The part for the garage door came in and it will be installed

soon. Schaefer asked if the last of the parts came for the lamp post. Chief Eaton said the parts had arrived and he had contacted Alec at the DPW. Alec is working on getting it scheduled.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Agenda Request EMS Committee – Schaefer explained that the EMS Committee had been interviewing candidates to fill the Emergency Services Chief position and would like to recommend William Richardson.

MOTION STATED:	Rairigh – Motion to accept the EMS Committee’s recommendation to hire William Richardson to be the next Emergency Services Chief.			
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire			
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 6 ayes, 0 no’s and 1 absent.			
ROLL CALL VOTE:	Buckowing:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Selleck:	Absent
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	Rairigh:	Yes		

B. Agenda Request Chief Eaton additional pay – Schaefer explained that Chief Eaton had requested the rate increase for the remainder of his time.

MOTION STATED:	Willshire - Motion to increase Chief Eaton’s pay an additional \$500.00 per week from the original date of retirement (June 1 st) to the end of Chief Richardson’s training period.			
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing			
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 6 ayes, 0 no’s and 1 absent.			

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

C. Agenda Request Chief Eaton insurance continuation – Schaefer explained further that Chief Eaton had requested health insurance coverage during the time he would be training the new chief and using his remaining PTO time.

MOTION STATED:	Campbell - Motion to permit the continuation of Chief Eaton's current insurance coverage until October 31, 2022.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 6 ayes, 0 no's and 1 absent.

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

D. Agenda Request Zoning Ordinance 02-2022 – Schaefer introduced the ordinance amendment to allow self-storage units to be built. Campbell asked where the first one would be built. Rairigh explained that it would likely be just south of NTA's new car wash along M-37. Campbell asked about water and sewer. Rairigh explained that they would not have water or sewer and that only one light would be permitted in the unit itself without electrical outlets.

MOTION STATED:	Rairigh - Motion to adopt Zoning Ordinance 02-2022 to allow self-storage facilities by Special Use in Township's General Commercial Zoning District.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 6 ayes, 0 no's and 1 absent.

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

E. Metro Act – Buckowing explained that those installing utilities in the right of way were required to get the township's approval in accordance with the Metro Act. Great Lakes Energy was requesting this permission and had already paid the required \$500 associated fee.

MOTION STATED:	Willshire - Motion to permit Great Lakes Energy to access Thornapple Township's public right-of-way pursuant to the METRO Act.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 6 ayes, 0 no's and 1 absent.

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

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration (Schaefer, Buckowing, Willshire) Nothing more.

B. Cemetery (Willshire, DeMaagd, Rairigh) None.

C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer) Schaefer said the DDA Summer Music Series continues, there are plans being made for this year’s Heritage Days, and there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for Pixel Perfect Game Store. He encourages everyone to stop by and check it out.

D. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Schaefer) Willshire stated that absentee ballots are being mailed out and returned.

E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh) DeMaagd said he felt the board and TTES should be promoting the EMS millage more.

F. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, Rairigh) None.

G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Getty) Schaefer said that “Paddle for the Parks” a canoe race is being planned to take place during Heritage Days.

H. Personnel – Compensation (Willshire, Campbell, Schaefer) Nothing further.

I. Property and Public Utilities (Selleck, DeMaagd, Campbell)

J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Selleck) Buckowing let Campbell know that the 2nd payment of \$100,000.00 of a 4-year contract was being sent to the Barry County Road Commission this week. Campbell asked if they had submitted a list of the projects worked on. Buckowing said no.

K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Selleck, Schaefer) Schaefer said the work on the upgrade continues and the project is on budget and on track.

16. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

17. POLL OF MEMBERS:

Kim Selleck (Trustee) – Absent

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – Welcome to Bill.

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – Asked about the sign up for the Barry County Fair. Schaefer said he had sent it via Sign-up Genius and several of the slots were filled. DeMaagd said he may just stop by.

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – Welcome to Bill.

Deb Buckowing (Treasurer) – Welcome to Bill and thank you to TTES staff for their support. Also, the Treasurer’s Department will be doing some cross training with Denise Piering, the office coordinator, in the next few weeks.

Cindy Willshire (Clerk) – None.

Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) – Thank you to Chief Eaton and the TTES staff for their service and a welcome to Bill.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 7:27 P.M.

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to adjourn.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 6 ayes, 0 no’s and 1 absent.



Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved 8/8 /2022