

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 January 9, 2022

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

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Buckowing: Campbell: DeMaagd: Rairigh:	Present Present Present Present	Schaefer: Selleck: Willshire:	Present Present Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Commissioner Catherine Getty, Chief Bill Richardson, Amy Brown, Laura Bouchard, Jennifer, Chad & Gabe Klutman, Lindsay & Jason Preslar, McKenna Preslar, Cas Vugtveen, Corene & Mike Powell, Taysha & Donald Powell, Eileen Rose, Samantha & Tyler Kaznowski, Jen & Scott Thompson.			

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

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

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

7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioner Catherine Getty:	The commission held their first meeting of the year which was an organizational meeting. Dave Jackson was appointed to a 2-year term as Chair. David Hatfield was appointed to a 1-year term as Vice Chair. There are four new commissioners this term. Getty is on the following committees: Solid Waste Oversight,
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	Broadband Expansion, Grievance board, Board of Health, LDFA and Parks & Recreation.
Board Response:	Schaefer thanked Getty for that information. Campbell asked Getty to inquire into Drain # 2 project and what Barry County's part of the cost would be.

8. RESERVED TIME: None

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

Chief Richardson gave a review of December. They had anticipated a slower month for calls in our area as well as for transfers. The prediction was accurate, however, Life EMS was short staffed and so the 2nd ambulance responded to 20 calls out of the service area. There was a Walmart semi which tipped over and a cardiac arrest call in Caledonia to which Chad and Mel responded. They prepared for the storm and had additional staff in place, but no major events occurred out of that. Chief Richardson presented three awards: McKenna Preslar "Rookie of the Year," Mike Powell "Firefighter of the Year," and Chad Klutman "Fire Officer of the Year."

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 01-2023 Township BOR Poverty Guidelines

MOTION STATED:	Willshire -Motion to adopt Resolution 1-2023 Board of Review Poverty Guideline Resolution
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	

B. Appointment of BOR Members

MOTION STATED:	Campbell -Motion to appoint Vance Hoskins, Steve Baldry, Dave Kiel, and Martin Wenger (alternate) to a 2-year term on the Board of Review.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing
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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C. Agenda Request Paid-on-call new hires – Chief Richardson explained the people he is requesting to hire are already members of the community that are already trained as firefighters and EMT’s so the cost will be minimal.

MOTION STATED:	Rairigh – Motion to approve the hiring of 3 new paid-on-call / part-time members of TTES.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	DeMaagd
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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D. Agenda Request Trail Property – Campbell asked where the funds would be coming from. Buckowing answered the funds are the Township’s portion of the cost and the other funds would come from the grant. Selleck asked if the properties being purchased are those located north of the Village of Middleville. Getty answered that it is north of Crane to 108th street, but where Stimpson and Garbow intersect, along the river, there is a half mile that was not able to be included.

MOTION STATED:	Willshire – Motion to approve spending an amount NTE \$75,000 from GL # 101-900-974.000 for closing costs on two trail expansion properties.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Buckowing
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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12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration (Schaefer, Buckowing, Willshire) None.

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

C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer) Schaefer confirmed that Katherine Bussard had resigned her position with the DDA and that all members of the board would be filling in on the various projects. Schaefer will be working on the Riverbank Music Festival.

D. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Schaefer) Willshire said there would be a May Election for a Caledonia School District Bond.

E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh) DeMaagd asked about the status of the new fire truck. Richardson said in the next week they would be getting training on it and are working on getting title from the manufacturer. Buckowing asked Chief to please give them several days advance notice and contact information regarding payment.

F. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, Rairigh) They will be holding discussions this week.

G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Getty) Getty stated they had their annual organization meeting and have several new board members. Getty will be serving as Chair, however, is asking to be a representative of the school district rather than of the township. There is a resident of the township that has been actively involved with the used equipment sale which may be a good fit for appointment by the township to the board. They are waiting on appointing a vice chair as this time. Anne Hamming will remain as Secretary and Tom Hamilton will remain Treasurer.

H. Personnel – Compensation (Willshire, Campbell, Schaefer) None.

I. Property and Public Utilities (Selleck, DeMaagd, Campbell) Selleck will be talking with Sara Nelson soon about plans for the Oak Opening. Campbell stated the Township's share of the drain # 2 project is about \$300,000 and asked Getty to find out how much the Barry County portion of the project will be.

J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Selleck) Campbell said there has been some talk about merging the Noffke Drive Bond and the Drain # 2 bond to lower the cost of bonding. There are many questions to consider.

K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Selleck, Schaefer) Schaefer said there are some questions regarding maintenance on the system that they are looking into. One item is how often the compression oil needs to be changed.

6. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

17. POLL OF MEMBERS:

Kim Selleck (Trustee) – Thanked the TTES members being awarded tonight for their service throughout the year.

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – Also thanked TTES members for their service and hard work.

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – Thanked TTES members for attending tonight’s meeting and for their service.

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – Agreed, thanked everyone for their service.

Deb Buckowing (Treasurer) – Thanked Chief Richardson for the positive impact he is having in the department and all their work throughout the year.

Cindy Willshire (Clerk) – Congratulations to those receiving awards and a thank you to all.

Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) – Thanked everyone.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 7:39 P.M.

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



Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved 2/13/2023