

TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

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REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2023

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

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Bouchard: Campbell: DeMaagd: Ordway:	Present Present Present Present	Rairigh: Schaefer: Selleck:	Present Present Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Chief Bill Richardson, Phil Gensterblum, Commissioner Catherine Getty, Amy Brown, Justin Niles, Xavier Estrada, Shelby England, Mike Cramer, Ayden Meek, Jeremiah Cramer, Josalyn Cramer, Chayse Meek, Nicole Meek, Matt Neason, Alex Middleton, Caleb Meek, Alyssa Brink, Mike Powell.			

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve the Printed Agenda as amended with the addition of Planning and Zoning Administrator to #8 Reserved Time.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Ordway – Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioner Catherine Getty:	Getty reported that John Smelker sends his regrets that he couldn't be at tonight's meeting. There was no county meeting last week on the 4 th of July. The Commissioners heard from Pam Palmer about changes to the elections and approved the hiring of another staff member to the County Clerk's Department. Once they review and approve the budget, they may approve hiring another staff member for Palmer. Juli Sala was appointed to the Planning Commission. Craig Jenkins was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Don Johnson III (an employee of the landfill) was appointed to the Solid Waste Oversight. An agreement was reached with BCBS of MI to bill Barry County Jail inmates for services at the same rates as those covered by BCBS of MI insurance.
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Board Response:	Schaefer thanked Getty for her report.
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8. RESERVED TIME:

A. Planning and Zoning Administrator: Phil Gensterblum – Introduced himself and asked members if they had any questions regarding the report included in the Consent Agenda. Schaefer thanked Gensterblum.

B. Caleb Meek – Black Helmet Presentation – Chief Richardson explained that Caleb had started at Emergency Services as a recruit and had been one of three people to enter Fire Training School. He was the only person who had completed the course and stayed. One had gone to another department, and another recruit had taken another job. Chief Richardson said he had attended school while working full time and working at the department and he was proud of the hard work and commitment Caleb had shown. Chief Richardson stated that Caleb is now a probationary firefighter and able to serve at a fire scene rather than just observe. He then asked Caleb to introduce those attending the presentation. Caleb introduced his family, friends, and coworkers and gave his appreciation for their support.

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Chief Richardson reported that June had been the slowest month since he started working at Emergency Services, then on July 1, they received nine calls; all on the first day of the month. Chief continues to work on the Station Master Plan. He has completed the Apparatus Master Plan which was included in the packet. He expects to be using the ESO program by the end of next month for payroll and the ESO program for maintenance and tracking of supplies as well.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 11-2023: “Designation of Cindy Ordway to FOIA Coordinator.” Ordway explained the board needs to appoint, by way of resolution, a FOIA coordinator for the township.

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to adopt Resolution 11-2023 “Designation of Cindy Ordway to FOIA Coordinator.”
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Selleck
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bouchard:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Selleck:	Yes
	Ordway:	Yes		

B. Mt. Hope Cemetery Mapping and Marking: Ordway explained that the New Mt. Hope Section of the cemetery is almost sold out and more lots need to be made available for sale. Wickham Services is requesting \$5,307.28 for marking and mapping in the 2019 WR Eavey Section.

MOTION STATED:	Rairigh – Motion to approve paying Wickham Cemetery Services to mark and map the WR Eavey Section of the Mt. Hope Cemetery at a cost of \$5,307.28.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bouchard:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Selleck:	Yes
	Ordway:	Yes		

C. Seal Coat Quote for Parking Lots: Schaefer explained this is part of the general maintenance of the parking lots and may be past due even. Rairigh asked if painting the lines were included. Schaefer responded that it was.

MOTION STATED:	Schaefer – Motion to approve B & E's quote to reseal the Emergency Services and township hall parking lots for a cost of \$7,098.00.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Bouchard
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bouchard:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Selleck:	Yes
	Ordway:	Yes		

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration (Schaefer, Bouchard, Ordway) None.

B. Cemetery (Ordway, DeMaagd, Rairigh) Rairigh said the columbarium is being made but has been delayed some. It is expected to be delivered by the end of summer. DeMaagd asked if the mapping of the new section can be digitized so that residents can purchase lots through our website. Ordway said she would research this option and let him know what she finds out.

C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer) Gretchen James has been appointed as the new director. Schaefer had invited James to tonight's meeting, but she had a prior commitment and couldn't make it but said she would come to the next meeting. The Music Series continues, and the "Chicks and the Boomers" are performing next. Heritage Days is scheduled for after the start of the school year on September 8 and 9.

D. Elections (Ordway, Bouchard, Schaefer) Ordway continues to work on election training so she will be certified.

E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh) Already covered.

F. Finance (Bouchard, Ordway, Rairigh) Nothing further.

G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Getty) At their next meeting the director will give a report on the season. To their regularly scheduled games they added several tournaments which were held in Wayland, Dorr, Hopkins, Martin. They even created All-Star Teams as part of the tournaments, and everyone had a great time. Schaefer said the Charity Shed has been very productive. In the month of June, there was over \$250 in returnable cans and bottles.

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

I. Property and Public Utilities (Selleck, DeMaagd, Campbell) Schaefer said the new roof is on the township hall and they should be doing the Emergency Services building next week. It will take several days as opposed to the township hall roof project which was completed in one day. They hadn't heard of any issues that occurred at the township hall while the roofers were there working.

J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Selleck) Campbell asked about the work being done on Finkbeiner and Crane. Schaefer said there are some bridge inspections taking place on the Finkbeiner/Crane Road. Selleck said it looked like maintenance and upkeep. Schaefer asked Mike Cramer to elaborate if he knew any details. Cramer said it was standard upkeep and replacement of the expansion joints.

K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Selleck, Schaefer) Campbell said the Duncan Lake Drain Project was underway and that today they had ruptured and repaired the first lateral of the sewer system. He is not confident that the drain project is on schedule or that it will be completed when expected, but it is moving along, and the retention pond appears to be mostly done.

16. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

A. Catherine Getty: Blue Zones – Getty spoke about the Blue Zones Activate Barry County event held on June 14. Nick Buettner, cofounder of Blue Zones attended and spoke with attendees and volunteers. More than 300 people were in attendance. They had food, games, and a kind of passport set-up where participants could visit different stations to experience Blue Zones from around the world and learn a little bit about each location. Getty asks that anyone feel free to reach out to her or

the steering committee with any questions they may have about how they are working to move the needle regarding health and wellness in Barry County.

- B. Mike Cramer** – Cramer said Barry County Brewfest is being held on August 19 in Middleville. It will be a very busy day as there will also be a soccer tournament on the fields. Schaefer said there are not many volunteer spots left so if anyone is interested, they'll want to sign up right away.

17. POLL OF MEMBERS:

Kim Selleck (Trustee) – Selleck is looking forward to the Barry County Fair next week.

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – Congratulations to Caleb Meeks.

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – Thanks for all the well wishes, thoughts, and prayers. Congratulations to Caleb Meeks. Thank you to the Chief for having more of these presentations and building morale at the department.

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – Glad Ross is back. Congratulations to Caleb.

Laura Bouchard (Treasurer) – Summer tax bills were mailed out without any issues. Was also able to help the Village of Middleville get their tax bills mailed out. Congratulations to Caleb Meeks.

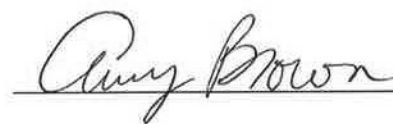
Cindy Ordway (Clerk) – Congratulations to Caleb and great job! Otherwise, is plugging away at election training.

Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) – Glad Ross has recovered. Also, congratulations to Caleb and thank you to those who came to support him.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 7:31 P.M.

MOTION STATED:	Selleck – Motion to adjourn.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 6 ayes and 0 nos.



Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved 8/14/2023