

TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

Eric Schaefer, *Supervisor* / Laura Bouchard, *Treasurer* / Cindy Ordway, *Clerk*
Curt Campbell, *Trustee* / Ross DeMaagd, *Trustee* / Kim Selleck, *Trustee* / Sandra Rairigh, *Trustee*

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REGULAR MEETING September 11, 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 Jon Smelker, Aly Piotrowski, Gretchen James, Jason Presler.			

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve the Printed Agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Selleck
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 Jon Smelker:	Smelker reported the Steering Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 10:00am to discuss the new COA building. Interviews are ongoing for the new transit director, who will be replacing Bill Voigt as he is retiring.
Board Response:	Schaefer thanked Smelker for his report.

3. RESERVED TIME:

A. Middleville DDA – Gretchen James: Introduced herself and stated that the Farmers Market has doubled in size over the course of the summer. With the help from her fellow committee members, she has just completed hosting Heritage Days.

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Chief Richardson recognized the sacrifice made 22 years ago on September 11. He reported that the State of Michigan has currently awarded \$180,000 in grants to Thornapple Township Emergency Services. The turkey sales during Heritage Days were increased by \$1,000 from last year.

10. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Gensterblum reported September started out slow with 1 accessory build. Code Enforcement has had zero complaints since July.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Insurance recommendation:

MOTION STATED:	Rairigh – Motion to approve the renewal of the existing medical plan with a premium share of 20% and to retain a monthly stipend of \$500 for those not taking insurance coverage starting with renewal date 12/01/2023
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Bouchard
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

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

B. 12-lead class: Chief Richardson explained this is a continuing education class for paramedics on how to identify underlying myocardial infarctions. The class will cost \$350.00 for however many attendees can fit within the classroom. The class will be open to Kent and Barry County medical controls. Selleck asked what 12-lead means. Chief Richardson explained 12 -Lead Electrocardiogram checks the electrical signals/ health of your heart by seeing if you have irregular heartbeats and where the problem is located.

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve hosting a 12-lead class for our department and any member of MCA wanting to attend at a cost of \$350.00.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Selleck
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

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

C. EMT School: Chief Richardson explained the benefit of sending a current paid-on-call firefighter who is also a community member to EMT school. Rairigh asked if there is going to be a required length of employment that the student must be retained after completing the training. Chief Richardson confirmed there will be a set period required to stay employed at Thornapple Township Emergency Services.

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve sending one paid-on-call firefighter to EMT school at a cost of \$1,950.00.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

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

D. Fire School: Chief Richardson would like to amend the agenda request to add an additional member to attend fire school. There is a local pastor who would potentially like to attend the fire academy and become the Station Chaplain. Fire school runs every Saturday, October 8th thru June.

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve sending 5 people to fire academy for a total cost of \$2,000.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Selleck
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nos.

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

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Administration (Schaefer, Bouchard, Ordway) Nothing new.
- B. Cemetery (Ordway, DeMaagd, Rairigh) Ordway discussed bids to clean up dead trees and finding new trash barrels. Rairigh reported the Columbarium will be delivered on Wednesday, September 13.
- C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer) Heritage Days went very well, and all seemed to have a great time.
- D. Elections (Ordway, Bouchard, Schaefer) Ordway reported daily changes of process within elections.
- E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh) Nothing new.
- F. Finance (Bouchard, Ordway, Rairigh) Nothing new.
- G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Schaefer) Plunge for Parks dunk tank at Heritage Days went very well.
- H. Personnel – Compensation (Ordway, Campbell, Schaefer) Schaefer reported on the search for a new Office Coordinator to replace Aly Piotrowski. Second interviews will be held on Tuesday, September 12.
- I. Property and Public Utilities (Selleck, DeMaagd, Campbell) Selleck reported there is currently no plan in place for the burn of the oak openings within the cemetery as Barry County Conservation has hired a new Executive Director. Campbell asked what issues Chief Richardson has been seeing at the Fire Station. Chief explained there is a crack within the foundation and some grading issues that need to be mitigated.
- J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Selleck) Campbell reported Noffke Dr looks very nice.
- K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Selleck, Schaefer) Schaefer reported the millings have been delivered to the sewer pond. Schaefer reported a meeting will be held on Monday, September 18 at 6pm.

16. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

17. POLL OF MEMBERS:

Kim Selleck (Trustee) – Thank you Chief for reminding us of the sacrifice made on September 11.

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – Nothing further.

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – Nothing further.

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – Covered everything.

Laura Bouchard (Treasurer) – Tax season has been busy. 3 more days until the deadline.

Cindy Ordway (Clerk) – Nothing that has not already been covered.

Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) – September 11 was a very scary time, and some people gave up a lot more than just being scared.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 7:39 P.M.

MOTION STATED:	Campbell
MOTION SUPPORTED:	DeMaagd
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nos.



Aly Piotrowski, Recording Secretary

Approved 10/9/2023