

Meyer Township  
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1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Bob Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Present at the meeting- Robert Smith, Mark Schoen, Sheryl Lauscher, Andrew Fazer and Beth Bertolini.
3. **A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Andrew Fazer, supported by Beth Bertolini. Motion carried 5-0.**
4. Public Comment- Christine Dessellier, owner of Happy Hooves Tack Shop, gave us an update on her new business. The building (the old Scrub Board Laundramat) has been remodeled and is being stocked with merchandise and supplies. She said we are welcome to stop in and check out her progress.
5. Public Comment- Levi Danielson brought small binders for the Board and the public with information about the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facility rules and benefits. He would like to present the Board with a request to open a Medical Marihuana Facility in our Township. A binder will be left in the Public Library and at the Township Hall for the public to view during their open hours. The Board intends to have a couple of Town Meetings this spring on this subject before making any decisions. These meetings will be advertised in the Luft's Advertiser and in our minutes.
6. Consent Agenda- Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports- **A motion was made to approve the Bills, Minutes and Treasurers reports by Andrew Fazer, supported by Beth Bertolini. Motion carried 5-0.**
7. Action Item- Andrew Fazer said that the basketball backstop pads and nets need to be replaced. There are Tournaments coming up February through April. The cost to replace these 2 backstop pads and 2 nets is \$317.00. **A Motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen to approve the purchase of 2 backstop pads and 2 nets for \$317.00. Motion carried 5-0.**
8. Action Item- The EDC Board has a new member that they would like to have approved by our Board. Brent Ayotte would like to serve on the EDC Board. The EDC also asks that our Board approve the continued service to

the EDC Board of Bob Haelterman. The EDC will meet tomorrow and would like our approval at this meeting so they don't have to wait another month to approve these Board Members. **A Motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen to approve both Brent Ayotte as a new EDC Board Member and to approve Bob Haelterman as a continuing EDC Board Member . Motion carried 5-0.**

9. Action Item- EDC Happy Hooves Tack Shop Loan Addition- Happy Hooves is asking to add \$2000.00 to their initial loan of \$3000.00 totalling \$5000.00. They are asking to extend the loan from 3 years to 5 years. The EDC Board is in favor of this addition and extension to the original loan. If we approve this at our meeting they will approve and finalize this at their meeting tomorrow night. **A Motion was made by Mark Schoen, supported by Andrew Fazer to approve the addition of \$2000.00 to the original loan of \$3000.00 with an extension of 2 years. This makes this a \$5000.00 loan over 5 years time. Motion carried 5-0.**
10. Action Item- Gold Medal Concessions- The Gold Medal Basketball Tournament will take place this year April 4<sup>th</sup>- April 14<sup>th</sup>. Andrew had checked with the NCA Guarantee Group and they are not able to come up with enough help to run the concessions. The next group to ask in the rotation is the Methodist Church. Andrew has contact information with them and will call tomorrow.
11. Action Item- Clerk Salary- Beth Bertolini said that she would like to ask now about having a salary increase to be voted on in March at our Annual Meeting. Beth said that on average throughout Menominee County Townships clerks are paid at 95% of the Treasurers salary. With the passage of Proposal 3 in November's election there are new added responsibilities and hours now required of the clerk for running elections. This is part of the clerks statutory duties and no compensation for this additional work and hours has been considered by anyone. Beth will have some information on the Clerk's mandatory increased hours and duties and salary comparisons for the March Annual meeting.
12. Action Item- Forever Stamps- The price of stamps will be going up on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 50 cents to 55 cents. Buying stamps ahead of this increase would save us \$5 per roll of 100 stamps. We use about 2 rolls of stamps per month. It is suggested to purchase 10 rolls of stamps at this time. That gives us a savings of \$50 on 10 rolls. **A Motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen to purchase 10 rolls of Forever stamps before the price increase. Motion carried 5-0.**

13. Action Item- Memorial Tree and Memorial Park PO Box- Barb Peters has asked if the the Memorial Tree Project could use the Township PO Box for mailing purposes. The Board is in agreement that both the Memorial Tree Project and the Memorial Park should both use the Meyer Township PO Box for all mailed correspondence. The address for the Memorial Projects will be Attn Memorials, PO Box 185, Hermansville Michigan 49847.
14. Public Comment- A resident said that the plowing in town after the last snow storm was terrible. It was suggested that the Board bring this to the attention of the MCRC. More than one resident said it was the worst plow job they'd seen. There is a new person doing the plowing in our area, but perhaps the County could send someone more experienced to ride along with the new person to give suggestions on how to take care of our Township properly. It was also brought up that the people who live in the apartments need to have adequate parking area plowed to keep their vehicles off of the roads. There is a meeting with our Board and the MCRC on January 21st. Our Board members will be bringing a list of road priorities and any complaints from our residents.
15. Public Comment- Pat Dani, Meyer Township Fire Chief, said there is an opportunity to purchase a used, excellent condition Cascade System from the Spalding Township Fire Department. This would provide more mobile refillable air tanks for the firefighters. It is available for \$6000.00. It is valued at nearly twice that amount. **A Motion was made by Mark Schoen, supported by Sheryl Lauscher to approve the Meyer Township Fire Department purchase of this Cascade system from the Spalding Township Fire Department for \$6000.00. Motion carried 5-0. This will come out of the Fire Department Equipment account.**
16. Board Comment- Bob Smith was approached by a company that converts homes and businesses to LED lighting. They've asked for our past few months bills for our Township Buildings and will look at our current lighting uses and needs. They will give us a free estimate based on available grants and discounts. We will also look at the costs of converting some of our lighting on our own and find out what grants and discounts are available to us without using a contractor. Switching to LED could save us on our electric bills and on purchasing bulbs.
17. Board Comment- The Fishing Derby is on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. Open to all ages. There will be prizes. There were some complaints about reckless snowmobilers and side by sides at the last derby. The Sportsmans Club and the Township want to remind everyone that there

is a 10 mph speed limit on lakes. This is a family event with many young children and safety is the first priority.

18. Board Comment- We are just short of the number required to get the discounted price of Fire Number orders for the "Out Of Town" larger 2 sided new style fire numbers. Some additions were mentioned during this conversation and Beth will check to see if that brings us up to the necessary count. If we are still short we will run an add once again. Anyone interested in making their house more accessible to rescue and fire should call the Township to order a new bolder, reflective fire number. The costs will depend on how many orders we receive. This is extremely important for EMT's and Paramedics when looking for a person in a home or camp. It is not often obvious that there is a crisis in a home during a 911 call and first responders need all the help they can get.
19. Board Comment- We are excited to see our new Township website. Meyer Township obtained a grant from CUPPAD to build a modern, more user friendly website. Mark Whitens from MediaPro had shown Beth what he had come up with so far and she said it looked really nice. We will contact Mark and find out when he will be giving Beth and Andrew the instructions they will need to get things up and running. The domain name, hermansville.com, and email addresses will remain the same.
20. **There being no further business before the Board a Motion was made to adjourn at 7:36 pm by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried, 5-0.**