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March 20, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

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. **Public Comment-** Misty Nehring asked if people volunteering in the Township use Township owned equipment. The board answered that they do not. Some Township equipment is available for rental, but must be operated by a Township employee as they are insured for operating that equipment. Bob Smith suggested that from now on we should use a log book for all Township vehicles and equipment. Each person using equipment should sign the log book along with the time and what it is being used for. It must always be operated by a township employee and the rental should be approved by a Board member or members. Les Negro asked if that included private use. Use of equipment by an employee should be approved and appropriately logged and rental fees will apply. The log book would insure that the equipment is accessible when needed for work to be done on Township property. Misty will be making a FOIA request concerning Township employees. She will write up her request and Beth will provide that information for her. Mary Negro feels that there needs to be a written policy concerning Township equipment to avoid abuse by employees. This would apply to all equipment owned by Meyer Township including fire department equipment and vehicles. Bob Smith said that from tonight's meeting on, all employees will have to use the log book and all rentals will need to be pre-approved. Beth will write up a policy and we will present it at our next meeting.
4. **Public Comment-** Cole Nehring asked who is responsible for maintaining the roads in our Township, MCRC or Meyer Township. Cole is especially concerned about the intersection of Anderson and South Main. The road has a serious dip and is getting worse. It is in danger of collapse. This problem

was brought up at the MCRC annual meeting with the Township. The roads in our township that are not State or County Roads are the financial responsibility of the Township, but the work is done by the MCRC. The Township itself does not do any road repair. We address the MCRC with the roads we'd like to have repaired. They decide which ones they will work on. At the meeting in January they gave us a list of what they will be fixing. The only road on that list for repair was West Third Street.

5. **Public Comment-** Ray Gurgall asked about the MCRC's promise to repair the chip seal job on Vega Road (near Wendricks) that was done a few years ago. At that time the MCRC had said that it would repair that area and we would not be charged. It has still not been repaired. It was also brought up by our board at the MCRC meeting. Ray said that the ditches need to be dug out to allow proper drainage.
6. **Public Comment-** Levi Danielson introduced himself and offered to talk to anyone who has any questions about the potential Medical Marihuana licensing in Meyer Township. There will be a public forum on this topic in Mayor June to inform residents and get feedback from the public. Levi has detailed legal information in a binder on this subject and would be happy to help anyone who would like to know more about it. There are copies of this binder in the Hermansville Public Library for anyone to look at. Levi can be reached at 906-282-2050.
7. **A Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Payment to Mike Popp (Pavilion Concrete) was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Andrew Fazer. Motion carried 5-0.**
8. **Consent Agenda-** Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports- **A motion was made by Andrew Fazer to approve the Bills, Minutes and Treasurers reports, supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.**
9. **Action Item-** Pavilion Project Extension- The Township has asked for an extension to the Pavilion project completion due to weather constraints. Beth has completed the online application for a Recreation Passport Grant Program Amendment allowing us an extension to get the project completed by 9/30/2019. We plan to have it completed by 6/30/2019 before the Independence Day Celebration. To submit this application to the DNR the amendment must be signed by the Supervisor and witnessed by 2 people. Bob Smith signed the amendment and Beth and Shereyl signed as witnesses. Beth will complete the online submission at the conclusion of our meetings tonight.
10. **Action Item-** HHC Member Renewal- The Hermansville Housing Commission sent an email requesting that our board approve the term

renewal of Paul Sirchia as Commissioner to the HHC Board. **A motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Sheryl Lauscher to approve Paul Sirchia for another term to the HHC Board. Motion carried 5-0.**

11. **Action Item-** MTA Resolution- MTA sent us some information concerning a resolution that we can make of our Board's opinion on whether Michigan Townships should have the option to elect Township Board members on a non-partisan ballot. The information gives pros and cons on the subject. They would like us to return this resolution by April 30th. We are not required to make this resolution, but we have the information to make a decision at our meeting on April 17th.
12. **Action Item-** Approve Attorney to Update Ordinances- The Township needs to update our Sewer Ordinance and would like to update our Cemetery Ordinance, Blight Ordinance and write a Truck Route Ordinance. We are required to use an attorney for the Sewer Ordinance and highly recommended to use an attorney for all ordinances to make them enforceable. At this time we are using Terry Burkhart as our Township Attorney. Beth asks if anyone has anyone else in mind or should we continue to use Burkhart, Lewandowski, Miller and Nastoff for the completion of these ordinances. No one has any objection to this and Beth will call Terry Burkhart to discuss the update of our ordinances.
13. **Action Item-** Approval To Proceed With Annual Audit- Sheryl received a letter from Carl Sorenson at Johnson and Rennie Accounting stating it is time for our annual audit. The cost for this audit is \$5000. They would begin right after the end of our fiscal year – March 31. Sheryl needs to sign a paper stating that we would like them to proceed with the annual audit. **A Motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Andrew Fazer to have Sheryl sign this paper to proceed with the annual audit and send it to Carl Sorenson. Motion carried 5-0.**
14. **Public Comment-** Janet Ducat asked if we will be getting the electrical work set up to add more outlets to the Pavilion. Mark has talked to an electrician and will set up what is needed as soon as the weather allows. The Annual Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for July 6th.
15. **Public Comment-** Les Negro said that he has only accumulated 8 hours over this winter and has not turned in any time sheet yet. He asked if it's ok to wait until he has more hours before turning in his time sheets when the hours are so few. We said that it's fine if he has his hours and days accounted for in detail before he turns them in. This way there is a record of when and what work was completed.

- 16. Public Comment-** Misty Nehring asked what is the protocol for employees turning in their timesheets. Employees should have their hours turned in by Monday of the week that they will be issued their bi-weekly checks. Bob Smith would like to have the opportunity to review each employees hours before the checks are issued. Bob would like to see reimbursement sheets and receipts for supplies before checks are issued. Bob would like to have the timesheets for all employees turned in by noon on the Monday before the paychecks are issued. This would fall on every other Monday going back to Monday, March 18th.
- 17. Board Comment-** Beth read a letter written by Barb Peters concerning the Memoriaal of Trees/1st Street Streetscape Enhancement. A copy of this letter will be attached to these minutes. Look for an ad coming in the Luft's Advertiser with more information and also information about the Mini Park Memorial or honorary blocks, benches and plaques.
- 18. Board Comment-** Andrew said that the Little League group will be doing concessions for the Gold Medals. Gold Medal Tournaments will be held April 4th- 14th.
- 19. Board Comment-** Mark said that the Relic Riders Vintage Snowmobile Club will definitely be holding their annual rally at the William Anderson Sportsman's Club this December. Mark will be getting estimates on the West Third Street project. He will be contacting Bacco for a blacktop estimate and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers of Iron River for a chip seal estimate. He will also ask about estimates on the other roads that we need repaired.
- 20. Adjournment-** **There being no further business before the Board a Motion was made to adjourn at 7:38 pm by Andrew Fazer, supported by Sheryl Lauscher. Motion carried, 5-0.**