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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, Andrew Fazer and Beth Bertolini. Members absent- Sheryl Lauscher.
3. **A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Andrew Fazer. Motion supported by Beth Bertolini. Motion carried 4-0.**
4. Public Comment- A resident brought some informational articles on Marijuana and suggested that everyone on our Board reads the latest State Bill that has been passed regarding Marijuana legalization and rules. She said that her understanding of the Bill is that there are no provisions for road funding. Beth will make copies of the articles she brought in and all Board members will look into the latest Bill and the rules and conditions associated with that.
5. **Consent Agenda-** Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports- **A Motion was made by Andrew Fazer, supported by Mark Schoen to approve the the Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports. Motion carried 4-0.**
6. Action Item- Roads Update- At this time no one on our Board has heard anything back from the Menominee County Road Commission or Fahrner excavating. We will meet with the MCRC over this winter and present them with our list of roads we'd like to have repaired. We will get on the schedule with Fahrner Excavating for the spring.
7. Action Item- Hermansville Housing Commission- PILOT Request- Darlene Bertolini, HHC Board Member introduced herself and the Director of the HHC, Rob Skogman. Darlene said they are here to ask the Township Board for a 5 year extension on the temporary exemption of the service charge in lieu of taxes for the Public Housing dwelling project. Also known as Payment In Lieu Of Taxes, PILOT. This exemption will save the HHC over \$4300 in 2020. It will cause the Township to lose approximately \$146 and the Fire Department to lose around \$106 in 2020. The Board dicussed this and felt that it is worth losing a couple of hundred dollars to save the HHC \$4300. It is an income based housing and they are already on a very tight budget. **A Motion was made by Andrew Fazer, supported by Beth Bertolini to approve the 5 year extension of this (PILOT) exemption. Motion carried 3-0. Mark Schoen abstained.** Bob Smith signed the resolution and gave a copy to the HHC for their records.
8. Action Item- Land Division Approval- Ed and Jan Haelterman are in the process of selling a piece of their property. To begin this process they have to have an approved Land Division. This must be signed by the Townshhip Supervisor. The Land Division appears to be filled out and documented properly. **A Motion was made by Mark**

Schoen, supported by Andrew Fazer to approve this Land Division. Motion

carried 4-0. Bob Smith signed the Land Division Application. Beth will send a copy to the realtor and get together with the Haelteman's.

9. Action Item- 5 Year Recreation Plan- Beth received a letter from the DNR Grant Coordinator letting us know that our current 5 Year Recreation Plan is expiring at the end of 2019. We don't have to have a 5 Year Rec Plan, but we must have a current one in place to be considered for any DNR Grants. The Board agrees that we should begin the process of writing a new plan. We will contact CUPPAD and hope they will work with us on creating this plan. Our Board worked with CUPPAD on the last 5 Year Rec Plan and we received a \$60,000 DNR MiRecGrant based on that plan.
10. Public Comment- A resident asked about the electrical improvements at the Lake Pavilion. An electrician looked at our current electrical service and said we'll have to do some upgrades before we can proceed. We will look into requirements, codes and cost and proceed from there in the spring.
11. Public Comment- It was mentioned that we should include those electrical revisions or additions (kitchen, stage) to the pavilion in our next 5 Year Rec plan.
12. Board Comment- Mark said they are finishing the picnic tables for the pavilion. He will have to send pictures of the finished project with proper signage to GEI for the final Grant Progress Report.
13. Board Comment- Mark asked what is the status of the Public Library budget cut? It was voted on by the County Commissioners to cut \$25,000 from the County Library budget. There is no specific plan in place yet for where those cuts will be. Many Hermansville Branch Library users feel like our little library will be cut. At this time there has been an directive to the County Library to stop purchases of any new books. The Library is accepting donations of gently used newer books to help cut costs. Mark asked how it might go if we ran a millage to keep our branch of the library open by generating our own funds for that specific purpose. We all feel it's worth checking into. The Hermansville Branch of the Menominee County Library is used on every day that it is open. It is the only source for internet, computer, printer, and hundreds of resource publications for many people in our community. It provides a great Summer Reading Program and promotes literacy for all. Without this Library many of our residents will have to travel further than they are able and so may lose their access to necessary resources.
14. Board Comment- Beth wanted to remind everyone that there will be an election for a Fire Department Millage renewal. This is a renewal not an increase. Election day is November 5, 2019 from 7am-8pm. The clerk can register voters here at the Township office or you can register through the Secretary of State or through the mail.
15. **Adjournment- There being no further business before the Board a Motion was made to adjourn at 7:01 pm by Andrew Fazer, supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried, 4-0.**