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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- Mark Schoen, Andrew Fazer, Bob Smith, Sheryl Lauscher and Beth Bertolini.
3. **A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Beth Bertolini. Motion supported by Andrew Fazer. Motion carried 5-0.**
4. Guest- John Anderson- Assessor- John gave a a brief assessors report. There were no requests for a Board of Review for this month so no BOR was held. The March BOR organizational meeting will be held on March 3rd from 6:30 pm -7 pm. The BOR will be held on March 11th from 9 am – 3 pm and on March 12th from 3 pm-9 pm. We need to make a motion to make these dates official. **A motion was made by Andrew Fazer to approve the Board of Review to be held on March 11th instead of March 9th. Motion supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.**
5. Action Item- Contract Renewal for Triple A Assessing. Our current township contract with Triple A Assessing expires on March 31st. John Anderson would like to see this renewed and our township would like to continue to have our assessing done through this company. The contract is the same as it has been over the last few years with regular annual cost of living increases (approximately 2.5%) built into the contract schedule. It also stipulates that the township will pay it's share of the cost for Robert DeJarlais to maintain his level 2 Assessor Certification. **A Motion was made by Andrew Fazer to renew the 4 year contract with Triple A Assessing. Motion supported by Sheryl Lauscher. Motion carried 5-0.**
6. Public Comment- Residents from Golden Shores voiced concerns about the Director and the Hermansville Housing Commission Board. They would like to see more residents of Golden Shores as members of the Housing Commission board. The Meyer Township Board will look into the by laws, rules and current state of affairs at Golden Shores.

7. Public Comment- A resident had questions concerning the accounts of the Fire Department, Cemetery and Housing Rehabilitation. There was a typo error in the Housing Rehabilitation Account on the Treasurers report. This caused the Public reports to show the wrong account balances. The next Treasurers report will reflect the proper balance. Our current Township records with the bank, credit union and our Quickbooks show the proper withdrawals, credits and balances.
8. Public Comment- A resident inquired about the inability to see the Website and the November Minutes. The Board believes it is due to the process of changing over to the new website. Andrew said he has been in contact with MediaPro Development and the new website is ready to launch on December 21st or 28th depending on transfers of information necessary to the site. Beth wanted to let everyone know that if they would like to view or get a copy of any minutes or any other monthly reports, she would be happy to provide access to those files.
9. Action Item- Sheryl asked if Andrew had received a bill from Brett Bray for gutters installed on the community club. We would like to pay this bill, but we need an actual bill. As soon as we receive this bill it will be paid as we have received the services Andrew said he thinks the bill is around \$200. **A Motion by Sheryl Lauscher was made to pay Brett Bray for gutter installation on the Community Club. Motion supported by Andrew Fazer. Motion carried 5-0.**
10. **Consent Agenda- Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports- A Motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen to approve the Bills, Minutes and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.**
11. Action Item- Medical Marihauna Growing Facility- Levi Danielson approached the Board with petitions supporting a medical marihuana growing facility in Meyer Township. This was a petition circulated to show support and public opinion. No one circulated an opposing petition. 3 residents present spoke against the facility and said that there are many more people opposed to this facility. This future licensing will cause a great deal of work on the part of the Township Board. For various reasons on both sides of this matter, at this time our Board would like to table this decision.
12. **Consent Agenda- Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports- A Motion was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen to approve the Bills, Minutes and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.**
13. Action Item- Recreation Plan- Meyer Township is in the process of updating our 5 Year Recreation Plan. This plan is necessary for Townships to apply for grants from the DNR and is helpful in getting funding from all

organizations. There is a survey that is being circulated through our community that will be a very helpful factor in completing this process. Look for this survey at the Senior Center, Post Office, Wildwood, and on social media. Following this public comment period the Township Board will conduct a public hearing at their January 15th meeting. This hearing will take place during the regular meeting at 6:30 pm at the Meyer Township meeting room. If you would like to see a copy of the survey and can't find one anywhere else, the Clerk will print one for you at the Township Hall.

14. Action Item- Fire Department Election Bill- The total bill for the Fire Department Millage Renewal Election was \$1,393.90. Because this was not on the schedule of regular elections the cost falls completely on the Township. We are asking at this time if the Fire Department would pitch in for any part of this election bill. The total raised by this millage is Annually \$33,378.43, for a total of \$133,513.72 over a period of 4 years. The Fire Department agreed to pay for half of the cost of this election. We feel it is necessary to make sure the future Board members and Fire Department officers should be aware of when the next millage will be up for election to avoid the costs of a singular election. The next Fire Department Millage will have to be voted on before November of 2022. The Board and the Fire Chief all agree that we need to place this schedule of Millage elections on a calendar that will be visible and self explanatory to the next Board and Fire Chief. **A Motion was made by Mark Schoen supported by Andrew Fazer to split the bill for the 2019 Fire Department Millage bill of \$1,393.90 at the cost of \$696.95 each between the Fire Department and the Township. Motion carried 5-0.**
15. Public Comment- A resident asked what is the status of an employees position. This employee was hired a summer help, but has continued to work beyond the summer as a temporary maintenance person to fill in for the position that was left open when our former sexton/maintenance person resigned. We will be posting an ad for the sexton/maintenance position in February. This is a busy job during the summer with close to full time hours for a couple of months and very few hours in the winter.
16. Action Item- Caleb Martin has been working for the Township doing whatever is necessary until we can hire a permanent sexton/maintenance person. He has been an employee for over 90 days and has asked for a review and the customary raise to \$11/hour. He did a great job with the cemetery and has been very helpful with the necessary odd jobs and shoveling. **Mark Schoen made a motion that we give Caleb a raise to \$11.00/hour. Motion supported by Beth Bertolini. Motion carried 5-0.**

17. Board Comment- Our Board will be meeting with the Menominee County Road Commission next month. We will need to prepare a list of what roads are our priorities and how we'd like to proceed with road refinishing and repairs. We will discuss this at the January meeting just before we meet with the MCRC. Part of our priorities list will be having the driveways on West 3rd Street put back to the condition they were in before the chip seal job was done.
18. Board Comment- Mark Schoen said that the Relic Riders Event at the Sportsmans Club went very well. They raised around \$4600 for their club. Next year they would like to have ice drags. The Relic Riders and the Sportsmans Club would cover the planning and insurance for this event. They will keep our board informed about any upcoming events in our Township. Mark mentioned that there will be a benefit for the family of DJ Bryant (Co-Founder of the Relic Riders) at the Longbranch on February 1st at 1 pm.
19. Board Comment- Andrew Fazer said that the website will be up either this weekend or next weekend. The Annual Trappers Workshop will be held on February 1st in the gym of the Community Club. Andrew would like to have the gym floor refinished between the Trappers Workshop and the Elementary Basketball Tournament that will be held on February 15th. The Sportsmans Club Annual Predator Hunt will be January 2nd- 19th. The Gold Medal Basketball Tournaments will be held on March 19th- 29. The Fishing Derby is yet to be decided because of the current condition of the ice on the Hermansville Lake.
20. Board Comment- Sheryl Lauscher commented that she'd like to reach out to the MCRC to have the snowbanks on the roads in town pushed back further. Some of the side roads are one lane and dangerous for traffic to pass in both directions. First Street needs to be pushed back before we get more snow.
21. **Adjournment- There being no further business before the Board a Motion was made to adjourn at 7:58 pm by Beth Bertolini, supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried, 5-0.**