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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 – 12:00pm – Hudson's Classic Grill

1). Roll Call/ Round Robin- 12:04 pm

1) Roll Call

a) PRESENT:

- Frank Stabile, Chairman (Superior Oasis)
- Jessica Anders, Executive Secretary (Carpet Specialists)
- Jenn Wallner, Treasurer (Tailored CPA's)
- Tina Henson (TruNorth Credit Union)
- Scott Patrick (Carpet Specialists)
- Alex Baysore (Representative for Todd Noordyk, Co-Chairman) (Great Lakes Radio, Inc.)
- Michael Morgan (First National Trust & Wealth Management)

- Adele Jacobson (Honor Credit Union)

b) ABSENT:

- i) Todd Noordyk, Chairman (Great Lakes Radio)
- ii) Dr. Cynthia Wiggins (Alpha Omega Dental)

c) GUESTS:

- Ernie Johnson (Marquette Township)
- Jason McCarthy (Marquette Township)
- Christina Bell (Bell Financial)

2) Consent Agenda - Motion for Approval: Jenn motions, Scott supports, motion passes at 12:17pm.

a) Treasurer's Report

- i) Bank Statement Balances as of March 31st, 2019
 - Checking: \$2252.25
 - Savings: \$8825.25
- ii) Invoices to be Paid
 - Great Lakes Radio: \$100
 - Jessica Anders for secretarial services: \$89

b) Correspondence – none

2) Regular Agenda – Approval of Regular Agenda: Scott motions, Adele supports, motion passes at 12:18pm.

a) Membership- 9 New, 50 Total,

- i) Sherwin Williams sent in a request to join via MTBA website. Jessica sent an e-mail asking if that was their official request to join and has yet to receive a response. They have not been a member before.
- ii) 1st Dollar Presentations - Something we need to follow up on. (When we do a presentation there will be an e-mail sent out to all members encouraging their attendance and support)
 - (1) Bell Financial- Hoping to open for mid-May. Will coordinate with Jessica for 1st dollar presentation.
 - (2) Queen City Burger
 - (3) Shopko Optical

b) New Business

- i) **2019 Board Direction & Goals/Marketing Presentation:** Jessica sent out an e-mail to all members asking if there was any interesting in attending a marketing presentation and there were only 2 responses. One was from Korry Richer (Mr. McGregor's Garden) saying she would be interested depending on topics, and Lyn Durant (Cedar Motor Inn) said it was a good idea but was not interested. We wouldn't want to do a presentation and not have anyone attend. We will wait and see if we get any other responses
- ii) **2019/2020 Community Profile Brochure:** Jessica sent out an e-mail containing info involving the brochure. Frank asked

if anyone has been contacted. No one has been contacted. The Mining Journal is supposed to have a sales person contact you. Jenn suggested getting the contact info from The Mining Journal so that we can contact them instead of waiting for them to contact us. The deadline is April 29. Frank will contact The Mining Journal and get contact info and Jessica will pass along the info to members via e-mail. It was suggested to use Great Lakes for the next brochure.

iii) **MTBA Township Joint Meetings: May 21st & November 19th**

(1) Joint Meeting Agenda Topics –

- a. Dark Store updates, roundabout discussion (Roundabouts will be constructed in quadrants, the tunnel will be done by later summer. Final work details will be done next June. Hope to keep both lanes open all summer and there will be stop lights put up to help with congestion. There is a possibility for one lane for a small period East bound later in the summer. Businesses should have access during the entirety of construction)

c) **Unfinished Business**

- i) **Catch the Visions (Todd Noordyk)** – Fun Run (car show) will be Father’s Day weekend & community days (not until August)
- ii) **Beautification of the Corridor-** Considering adopting a roundabout (good topic to be brought up at the joint meeting) It was suggested we put money aside for beautification. The goal is to install low maintenance, resilient plants. We will continue to discuss.

3) Reports

- a) **Marquette Township Business Association Facebook Page** - Jessica shared an article from MDOT regarding the roundabout construction on MTBA’s Facebook and website. If you see something posted on our Facebook please share it!
- b) **Website (Alex Baysore)** - Our website had some glitches before, but it’s all straightened out. We are getting over 10,000 views each month. There hasn’t been any feedback regarding our website. There could be some slight updates, but Lauren usually takes care of those updates. The more active we are on each the more views we will get.
- c) **DDA Update (Todd Noordyk)** - All that was discussed was what Jason had discussed already about the roundabout. You will be able to take county road 492 as an alternate route. The DDA is going to continue to work on funding options for the 2021 project. There was a bill for \$300,000 for lighting in the roundabouts, there was a grant submitted and it was successful. We (township) are only responsible for 10% of it which might have been covered by the DDA. They did vote to levy again, 1 mil for 3 years for seed money for federal grant application.
- d) **Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Ernie Johnson)** – Township will be talking about updating their fireworks ordinance- possibly following in the city’s footsteps. 2 days before the 4th and 2 days after. There is currently an ordinance, but the township is looking to modify it. Single stream recycling will be discussed, whether to go with it or not. Single stream recycling means everything goes in one bin. Right now, it is separated- rigids/fibers and glass is not accepted. Glass is currently not being recycled because it’s expensive. The 5 acres across from the old township hall is still for sale. It is \$550,000 and it is zoned as general business. The Cenex property has sold. The Director of Public Works will be retiring.
- e) **Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Jason McCarthy)** – Roundabout project has finally kicked off. The tunnel will be non-motorized in the summer and will be snowmobile access in the winter. 1st roundabout will be at Brickyard (Best Buy) and the second one at the Walmart/Target intersection. As Ernie said, the Cenex property has been sold but the site is contaminated. It has metals in the soil, and there are a series of underground storage tanks. To clean up the site and to make it more attractive, it will cost about \$650,000. There will be a proposal regarding brownfield money to the Board tonight. If approved, those costs would be paid back over time based on the incremental value increase of what gets developed on the property later. The property value now is only based on the land, not on any of the improvements. You take what that site needs and divide it over a number of years based on what we (township) think the property value will be after it is cleaned up and the new development is placed on it. It is estimated to be 25 years. Last time this process was used was for Barrel + Beam. There was asbestos and a new roof was needed as well a number of other things. The township board approved a 13-year tax pause in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the property. The township has begun working on the 2021 project, the US 41 project that will start 492 all the way to front street. Improving lights, pedestrian access, some of the ascetics in the median, hoping for some type of pedestrian access. There is a Mexican restaurant going into the old Arby’s location.

Meeting ended at 1:08pm. Scott motions, and Tina supports.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 21th, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Marquette Township Hall