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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021– 12:00pm – Zoom

### 1. Roll Call

#### A. PRESENT:

- Frank Stabile, Chairman (Superior Oasis)
- Michael Morgan, Co-Chairman (First National Trust & Wealth Management)
- Jenn Wallner, Treasurer (Tailored CPA's)
- Chuck Williams (Media Brew) (Alex Bayshore)
- Michelle LaJoie (Lost Creek Apartments/CAAM)

#### B. ABSENT:

- Dr. Cynthia Wiggins (Alpha Omega Dental Center)

#### C. GUESTS:

- Jason McCarthy

### 2. Agenda One- Election

#### A. Board Member Nominations: Mike Morgan motions, Chuck Williams supports – motion passes.

- a. Frank Stabile- Chairman (Superior Oasis) – Expiring 1/1/2024
- b. Jenn Wallner- Treasurer (Tailored CPAs, P.C.) – Expiring 1/1/2024

#### B. Executive Board Election- One Year Term: Michelle LaJoie motions, Chuck William supports – motion passes.

- a. Frank Stabile- Chairman (Superior Oasis)
- b. Michael Morgan- Co-Chairman (First National Trust & Wealth Management)
- c. Jenn Wallner- Treasurer (Tailored CPAs, P.C.)
- d. Secretary- OPEN

### 3. Round Robin

### 4. Consent Agenda

#### A. Treasurers Report:

- a. Bank Statement Balances as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020:
  - i. Checking: \$3,672.76
  - ii. Savings: \$9,583.67
- b. Invoices to be Paid:
  - i. Media Brew: \$100
  - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: December \$105.00

#### B. Correspondence- None

#### C. 2021 Meeting Schedule

### 5. Agenda Two

#### A. Motion for Approval of January Agenda, December Meeting Minutes, and Consent Agenda: Mike Morgan Motions, Jenn Wallner Supports – motion passes.

#### B. Membership:

- a. 2020 Total: 53
- b. 2021 Total as of 1.19.2021: 37
- c. New: 2

- i. Graybill & Mead, PLLC & Wright Street Dental
- d. We are still waiting on some members from last year to renew their membership.

**C. Membership Drive:**

- a. Potential New Business List for 2021:
  - i. Shopko Optical
  - ii. Riverside Auto
  - iii. Fit Body Boot Camp
  - iv. Rose's Dug Out
  - v. La Catrina Cocina Mexicana
  - vi. Harbor Freight
  - vii. Verizon
  - viii. Dunkin Donuts
  - ix. TM Fitness- Private Personal Training

**D. New Business- None**

**E. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Beautification of the Corridor & MDOT 2021 US 41 Resurfacing Project/Corridor Improvements
  - i. Township just had a scope verification meeting and the project will be going out for bids soon. Once this happens there will be more information available.
  - ii. Federal TAP Grant awarded for pedestrian pathway which will go from Wright Street to Commerce Drive. This will be an extension to the existing pathway.
  - iii. There have been meetings with the businesses that have driveways to the highway and the final design will be out for this soon.
    - 1. There will be some driveway improvements and consolidations, along with an added deceleration lane.
  - iv. 2021 DDA will move forward with another TAP Grant application. This will connect the pathway from Wright Street to Venture Drive. Then from Commerce up to Warren.
    - 1. The TAP Grant will cover a lot of what the Township has been working on for a long time.
  - v. DDA is working on multiple future projects.
  - vi. A local civil engineer has been hired to get cost estimates on some proposals that have been in the works for a long time.
  - vii. We will keep trying to connect our pathways to the City of Marquette.
  - viii. May have the ability to work with the Michigan National Works Trust Fund.
  - ix. Jason has been in contact with Sarah Kirk about the roundabout signage. Sarah will be providing a couple different design options to choose from. Our donation check has been put in a fund and will be used to help design a sign.
- b. Mission and Objective Update/Annual Report- This will be worked on by the executive board.

**F. Committees:**

- a. Membership Committee: Michelle Lajoie, Mike Morgan, Chuck Williams, and Dr. Cynthia Wiggins
  - i. Committee will be meeting soon to discuss touching base with our unpaid members.
- b. Brochure Committee
  - i. Frank has reached out to the Mining Journal a couple times.
  - ii. Ann Troutman at the Mining Journal suggested to wait on the brochure because of COVID.
  - iii. As a reminder the Mining Journal sells ads for our brochure which is how they fund the brochure and why we do not pay.
  - iv. Tina and Jamie have left the board which means we do not have a brochure committee anymore. Our membership committee could transition from membership to brochure at this time in the year.
  - v. Frank will be contacting the Mining Journal again to get a better understanding of what they are thinking and planning on doing for our brochure.

**G. Reports:**

- a. **MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile):**
  - i. Posts have been made regarding COVID and related topics that would be of interest to our members and

- community.
  - ii. Posted about membership drive ending and needing a few new members for the board.
  - iii. Please, pass along any information that may be good to share on our Facebook page or our website.
- b. **Catch the Vision (Jason McCarthy):**
- i. The last event that happened was the Christmas tree lighting.
  - ii. As of now the 2021 schedule of events is full, but all will depend on COVID.
  - iii. The first event that will most likely take place is the home show which is being reinvented and will be taking place in the Westwood Mall, sometime in April.
    - 1. This is NOT part of the Township Events Committee, but is happening in the Township.
- c. **DDA Update (Jason McCarthy):**
- i. Motion was passed to request a preliminary engineering and grant analysis proposal from UPEA for corridor lighting and multi-use pathway funding.
- d. **Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Ernie Johnson):** Ernie not present, no discussion.
- e. **Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Jason McCarthy):**
- i. Dunham's Sports is trying to move into the old Yonkers location in the Westwood mall, but there have been some difficulties. They want to buy the location, rather than rent.
  - ii. No new information regarding Best Buy. A medical manufacture was interested early on, but nothing since then.
  - iii. Cedar Motor Inn, Imperial Motel, and the land next door have both been purchased by the same group. They are proposing a small expansion to the South. They have been taking with adjacent property owners as well. They will be adding 15 modern cabins. They will be revamping the Imperial to look like the Cedar Motor Inn and everything will operate under the Cedar Motor Inn.
  - iv. There is a proposed restaurant development on the old Cenex property, next to NAPA.
  - v. Verizon and Dunkin Donuts is coming along nicely. They have a modern look.
  - vi. Art Van is thinking about creating some additional office space in their area. Have to meet parking requirements.
  - vii. Pesola property is for sale. This is a potential Brownfield project.
  - viii. There are lots of interesting and positive things happening within the community. Consumers still seem to be interested and moving forward. There is a lot of interest in the U.P. right now.
  - ix. The only pause was that Discount Tire delayed their construction for a year.

Mike Morgan motions to adjoin meeting, Chuck William supports- motion passes. Meeting ended at 1:15pm.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm- Zoom**