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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – 12:00pm – Hudson’s Classic Grill

1. Roll Call

A. PRESENT:

- Frank Stabile - Chairman (Superior Oasis)
- Michael Morgan – Co-Chairman (First National Trust & Wealth Management)
- Jim Borowski (Goodwill)

B. ABSENT

- Jenn Wallner – Treasurer (Tailored CPA’s)
- Michelle Lajoie (Lost Creek Apartments/CAAM)
- Chuck Williams (MediaBrew)

C. GUESTS

- Ernie Johnson
- Erik Powers

2. Consent Agenda

A. Treasurers Report:

- a. Bank Statement Balances as of August 31st, 2022:
 - i. Checking: \$924.76
 - ii. Savings: \$10,059.22
- b. Invoices to be Paid:
 - i. Media Brew: \$100.00
 - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services

B. Correspondence:

- a. Thank you Letter from Township: Township sent a letter thanking the MTBA for donating money and time to Community Days.
- b. Letter from John Markes: John sent a letter explaining the new development near Forestville Road. Part of it is in the City of Marquette and part is in the Township. There is PA425 agreement between the two. John supports this plan.

3. Regular Agenda

- #### A. Motion for Approval of September Agenda, March Meeting Minutes, and Consent Agenda-
- No quorum, therefore no voting.

B. Reports:

- a. Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Ernie Johnson):
 - i. The township is very quiet right now
 - ii. Working on the budget.
 - iii. Been talking a lot about the roads.
 - iv. The money the Township gets does not cover the costs.
 - v. Township is having to take money out of the general funds.
 - vi. Law enforcement in the Township needs more funding and that will have to come out of the general funds as well.
 - vii. The county used to pay 40% and the Township would pay 60%, but now the Township is almost paying

- 100% and something needs to be done about this.
- viii. Work is being done on Lions Field. Most recently a new underground sprinklers system is being installed.
- ix. Because of the lead problem in Detroit, Township has to check pipes, and if the pipes are lead they have to be replaced and that has to be paid for by the Township.
- x. Township bought a new lawn mower and two new trucks.
- xi. Township is working on improvements for now and in the future, but it all comes down to money.
- xii. The growth factor is 4-5% a year for revenue. But costs go up as well.
 - 1. Everyone gets an automatic increase in revenue.
- b. Events Committee:
 - i. Last event was Community Days, which was a success!
 - ii. Next event is the tree lighting!
- c. Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Erik Powers):
 - i. There are a few larger businesses moving into the Township:
 - 1. Iron Mountain Power Sports is moving into Best Buy. They have a location in Ishpeming right now. New location will be sales and some limited services.
 - 2. Mountain Manufacturing, a medical device company, which is located at the old airport area, is moving into Northland Systems basement. They needed a special use permit for this because it is a semi use manufacturing location near residents.
 - 3. Higher Love, a local UP marijuana business, is going into the old Fish and Wildlife building behind Target. This will be their HQ and grow facility. They had to get three different licenses (Medical, Adult, and Grow).
 - 4. Old Zambon's building will be turning into a custom bike shop.
 - 5. Panera is still coming as far as the Township knows.
 - ii. Two new buildings will be going up near Thomas Theater. There has been a confirmed dentist moving into one location.
 - iii. DDA Plan was approved on August 9th.
 - iv. The Township can only have one master plan, so the DDA development plan will be changing their name to reflect the contents better.
 - v. October 20th the Township is having a series of open houses to talk about the DDA's plan. And the public is welcomed and encouraged to come.
 - vi. John Kangas asked what can be done to get business owners to come to the meeting and the MTBA believes that business owners need to understand how the plan affects them.
 - vii. Erik brought the DDA plan to share with the MTBA and Sarah will be emailing the digital copy out to members.
 - viii. The most important part of the plan is the list of projects on page 7 and 8.
 - ix. Longyear development in Forestville. The planning commission will be meeting tomorrow night to talk about this. They are expecting a large public turnout.
 - 1. The intersection of Wright Street and Commerce Drive is very high in fatalities and adding more traffic to that area will not be good.
 - 2. No final decisions will be made about the project at meeting, but they will be submitting a plan in the near future.
- d. DDA Update (Frank Stabile): No updates.
- e. MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile): No updates.

C. Membership:

- a. Potential New Business List for 2023:
 - i. Shopko Optical
 - ii. Riverside Auto
 - iii. Fit Body Boot Camp
 - iv. La Catrina Cocina Mexicana
 - v. Harbor Freight
 - vi. Verizon
 - vii. Dunkin Donuts
 - viii. Good Looks Auto Detailing
 - ix. TM Fitness

D. New Business:

E. Unfinished Business:

- a. Website Revamp: We believe this is completed, but need to confirm this with Chuck.
- b. Reserve Money: We will talk about this at a later date.
- c. Fundraising: This is very important and we need to think of how to generate more money, because with more money we can continue to do good for the Township.

F. Donations: None

G. Committees:

- a. Membership Committee: Michelle Lajoie, Mike Morgan, & Chuck Williams- Mike is starting the process of getting the committee members together to plan for the membership drive!

H. Round Robin

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th, 2022 – Noon– Hudson's

Reminder: We need more board members! Please, talk to anyone you know that you think would be willing to sit on our board!

Meeting adjoins at 12:58pm.