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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 18, 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)
- Chuck Williams (MediaBrew)
- Michelle LaJoie (CAAM)

B. ABSENT

- Jenn Wallner – Treasurer (Tailored CPA’s)
- Jim Borowski (Goodwill)

C. GUESTS

- Ernie Johnson
- Erik Powers

2. Consent Agenda

A. Treasurers Report:

- a. Bank Statement Balances as of September 30th, 2022:
 - i. Checking: \$924.76
 - ii. Savings: \$10,059.49
- b. Invoices to be Paid:
 - i. Media Brew: \$100.00
 - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: September \$93

B. Correspondence- None

3. Regular Agenda

A. Motion for Approval of October Agenda, May & September Meeting Minutes, June Joint Meeting Minutes, and Consent Agenda- Michelle LaJoie motions, Chuck Williams supports, motion passes.

B. Reports:

- a. Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Ernie Johnson):
 - i. Been working on the budget for next year.
 - ii. General fund and water & solid waste funds were just worked on.
 1. No increases at this time.
 - iii. Township has been putting away money for the future closure of the Marquette County facility because they thought they’d have to pay for it, but that is not the case, so they are working on what they will be doing with the saved money.
 - iv. General funds cannot be used for water or solid waste.
 - v. General fund is tax money. There is an enterprise fund for water and solid waste.
 - vi. Don’t anticipate any major changes to the budget, but can’t be sure.
 - vii. Next the Township will be looking at the fire fund, and then will go back to the general fund.
 - viii. Board voted against the power line road. But Ernie believes it is only a matter of time before it happens.
- b. Events Committee:
 - i. Unsure of who is in charge of the events committee right now.

- ii. Next event is the tree lighting at the mall on November 22nd.
- c. Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Erik Powers):
 - i. Board voted against supporting the connector road.
 - ii. They are encouraging the road commission to improve road network, rather than creating a new road.
 - iii. The number of units approved on Longyear will determine what type of road improvements happen.
 - iv. Longyear project presented on September 28th. Wasn't a public meeting, but public did come and comment and ask questions during the normal community comment time.
 - v. This project has been on going for the last year, and will probably be going on for the next two years.
 - vi. Township will extend infrastructure to the first units created.
 - vii. There's not a lot of new businesses to update on this month.
 - viii. DDA is holding a series of open houses on the 20th of this month to introduce the DDA Development Plan (not official name).
 - 1. Meetings are at the Township Hall at 3pm, 5pm, and 7pm.
 - 2. Public is welcomed and encouraged to attend, listen, and comment.
 - ix. Jason submitted TAP grants through MDOT for funding to put in non-motorized trails.
 - 1. US 41 to Werner Street towards Commerce Drive and down to Moran on Wright Street.
- d. DDA Update (Frank Stabile):
 - i. DDA open houses on Thursday are extremely important to attend.
 - ii. DDA report was sent out to all members, along with a press release and encouragement to attend.
 - iii. Pages 7-8 of the plan highlight the proposed plans.
 - iv. Assessment for up to 2%.
- e. MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile): No updates.

C. Membership:

- a. Total: 46
- b. Membership Drive has kicked off!
- c. Membership Committee Update:
 - i. Committee has met and created a plan for the membership drive.
 - ii. Will focus on visiting current members to thank them for membership and encourage them to continue being members.
 - 1. Will remind them about monthly board meetings and that they can attend regardless if they are board members.
 - iii. Once all current members are visited, will focus on new businesses.
 - iv. Visiting businesses in person is the best way to get businesses to join.
- d. 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
 - x. Iron Mountain Power Sports
 - xi. Mountain Manufacturing
 - xii. Higher Love

D. New Business:

- a. Joint Meeting with the Township in November:
 - i. This will take place on November 15th.
 - ii. Agenda for meeting will be created.
 - iii. Let Sarah know if you have any topics you would like added.

E. Unfinished Business:

- a. Website Revamp- Website is completely done and mediaBrew has been posting!

- b. Reserve Money- will talk about this in future meetings.
- c. Fundraising:
 - i. The tree lighting ceremony was discussed as an option for fundraising, but it was decided we should just have a presence at the event to get our name out there.
 - ii. **Mike Morgan made a motion that we have a presence at the tree lighting ceremony to get our name out there.**
 - 1. **Michelle LaJoie supports. Motion passes.**
 - iii. Michelle volunteered to attend. We will need at least one more person there.
 - iv. Sarah will contact the events committee to request this.
 - v. We will have something that shows what we have done for the community.
 - 1. Sponsor the tree lighting, sponsor and volunteered at community days, yearly donations to the Township schools.
 - vi. Will hopefully have a table with our banner and something like hot chocolate to give out.

F. Donations: None

G. Round Robin

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

Chuck Williams motions for the meeting to end, Mike Morgan supports the motion, motion passes, and meeting adjourns at 12:59pm.