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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – Noon – Hudson's

1. Roll Call

A. PRESENT:

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

B. ABSENT

- Chuck Williams (mediaBrew)
- Michelle LaJoie (CAAM)
- Jenn Wallner – Treasurer (Tailored CPA's)

C. GUESTS

- Ernie Johnson
- Erik Powers

2. Consent Agenda

A. Treasurers Report:

- a. Bank Statement Balances as of March 31, 2024:
 - i. Checking: \$3,285.17
 - ii. Savings: \$3,553.44
 - iii. CD: \$7,177.37
- b. Invoices Paid:
 - i. State of Michigan Raffle License: \$50.00
 - ii. Marquette Alternative High School Donation: \$250.00
 - iii. North Star Montessori Academy Donation: \$250.00
- c. Invoices to be Paid:
 - i. Media Brew: \$100.00
 - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: March \$180

B. Correspondence:

- a. Donation Request Letter from Linda Winslow for Community Days

3. Regular Agenda

A. Motion for Approval of April Agenda, February & March Meeting Minutes, and Consent Agenda- No quorum, no voting.

B. Reports:

a. Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Ernie Johnson):

- i. It is a quiet time of year for the Township right now.
- ii. The Township is getting ready for their auditors and pulling a lot of information for them.
- iii. Taxes are coming up in May and June. Will have to have everything done by July 1st.
- iv. There are not many challenges on property taxes but if there are there's a specific procedure that must be

followed.

- v. 30%-40% of people pay their taxes in the Township yearly.
 - vi. When the Township doesn't get paid it goes to the county and the county takes care of it. The Township is paid in full by the county no matter what.
 - vii. Whoever the Township cannot track down, the county tries to.
 - viii. After three years of unpaid taxes, the property will be put up for sale and that in turn is how the county makes their money back.
 - ix. Ernie urges everyone not to let their taxes go to the county because they will end up paying a lot more than originally planned.
- b. **Events (Chuck Williams):** Chuck not present, no updates.
- c. **Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Erik Powers):**
- i. There are no commercial updates as of now.
 - ii. There are a lot of residential inquiries though, such as sheds and decks. But most of them are out of the Township's hands and onto the county.
 - iii. The Township has a hands-off policy in the winter for property maintenance, but start spring they will start patrolling again.
 - iv. 420 Brick Yard had been approved to change from a residential to a commercial lot, but there was an issue with the required posting in the Mining Journal and it did not get posted. This means it has to get re-voted on, but should go through again.
 - v. The Township was awarded a MSHDA Housing Readiness Incentive Grant. The Township intends to use these funds to hire a consultant to assist with the update process. The RFP was due last week. Jason will be making a recommendation to the board tonight for a consultant.
 - vi. Renovar has received a six-month extension for the property behind Goodwill. They had to pay \$5,000 for this extension, but the \$5,000 will go towards the purchasing price. This has been an ongoing project and the Township feels confident that with this extension they will be moving forward with the purchase.
 - 1. They will be paying with a lot of grants, which is why the process may be taking longer.
 - 2. The types of housing will be a mix of single family attached homes, and an apartment/condo building. Possibly 40 units, but this is all preliminary and subject to change.
 - vii. There have been no housing updates regarding Longyear.
 - viii. The Township has a lawsuit out against them regarding Longyear, so that is delaying things.
- d. **DDA Update (Frank Stabile):**
- i. The DDA had their quarterly meeting last week, but there is nothing to update on.
 - ii. Michelle LaJoie did fill Todd Noordyck's old seat!
- e. **MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile):**
- i. A donation post for North Star Academy has been made on the website and Facebook.
 - ii. Sarah compiled a list of members that do not have their logo listed on the website for mediaBrew to track down the logos and add them.

C. Membership:

- a. Members: 43

D. New Business:

- a. **Executive Secretary Hourly Wage Increase:**
 - i. It has been suggested to increase the wage which is at \$12 right now and has been for at least the last six years.
 - ii. Will need a quorum to vote on this.
- b. **Joint Township Meeting:**
 - i. Sarah is waiting on Lyn to discuss with the Township board if May will work for our joint meeting.
 - ii. Sarah will update everyone with more information later this week.

E. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Raffle:**
 - i. The Raffle has been approved!
 - ii. Sarah will work on getting raffle tickets created and printed.
- b. **Strategic Meeting Discussion:**

- i. We have been discussing this topic for quiet awhile now, but we need a quorum to vote on how we are moving forward.
 - ii. The overall consensus is that the board does not want to join LSCP at this time. LSCP does not have what the MTBA needs.
 - iii. It has however been suggested that the MTBA and LCSP have yearly meetings, potentially with other organizations too.
- c. **Business Cards:**
- i. Sarah has been working with Pride Printing to get a rough draft of the cards. A proof was sent yesterday, but we don't like it. Sarah will be creating something to send back to them.

F. Donations

- a. **Yearly Donations:**
- i. Marquette Alternative High School- Wednesday, April 17th, at 11:20am!
 - ii. North Star Montessori Academy- Completed!
 - iii. Car Show & Christmas Tree Lighting (mediaBrew): No updates.
 - iv. Community Days (Marquette Township): No updates.

G. Round Robin

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 – TBD