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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – Noon – Hudson's

1. Roll Call

A. PRESENT:

- Frank Stabile - Chairman (Superior Oasis)
- Michelle LaJoie (CAAM)

B. ABSENT

- Michael Morgan – Co-Chairman (First National Trust & Wealth Management)
- Jenn Wallner – Treasurer (Tailored CPA's)
- Chuck Williams (mediaBrew)
- Jim Borowski (Goodwill)

C. GUESTS

- Erik Powers
- Andrew Rickauer

2. Consent Agenda

A. Treasurers Report:

- a. Bank Statement Balances as of August 31, 2024:
 - i. Checking: \$1,273.17
 - ii. Savings: \$3,554.19
 - iii. CD 5.05% (Matured 8/29/2024)
 - iv. CD 4.425% (Matures 7/29/2024): \$7,330.08
- b. Invoices Paid:
 - i. MediaBrew Website Fees: \$200
 - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: June \$14 July \$56
 - iii. State of MI LLC License Fee: \$20
- c. Invoices to be Paid:
 - i. Media Brew Website Fee: \$100
 - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: August \$35

B. Correspondence:

- a. Jon Kangas – Email confirmation of \$500 transferred to events committee
- b. Community Action – Thank you postcard
- c. Chris Germain – Email to Sarah regarding future LSCP plans
- d. Erik Powers – Email to Sarah regarding Master Plan feedback

3. Regular Agenda

A. Motion for Approval of Consent Agenda- No quorum.

B. Reports:

- a. Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Andrew Rickauer):

- i. This is Andrews second meeting with the MTBA. As a reminder Ernie has retired!
- ii. The Township is starting the budget process next week.
- iii. The pickleball courts are almost done being resurfaced.
- iv. The Township well road trailhead is going in off of Grove Street.
 - 1. This area was not developed previously but is very popular for walkers.
 - 2. Originally the grant for this was denied and the Township did not have the money to move forward. The Township now has donation funding so they are able to move forward with the trailhead.
 - 3. The Township has partnered with NMU construction.
 - 4. All work is volunteer based.
 - 5. The trailhead and sign will hopefully be completed this year and the grading of the parking lot will probably happen in the spring.
- b. **Events (Chuck Williams):** Chuck not present, no report.
- c. **Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Erik Powers):**
 - i. Master Plan Update:
 - 1. There is no draft to share yet.
 - 2. The Township is working with a consulting firm that they were able to hire with the MSHDA funds.
 - 3. The consultants are doing most of the ground work right now.
 - 4. The Township has worked with the consultants to create a citizen and business survey.
 - 5. Originally, they created just one survey for the public, but then realized it was also beneficial to get opinions on the business side of the Township.
 - 6. Both surveys are up and running, and will be for a couple more weeks.
 - 7. Sarah will be sending these survey links out to all members.
 - 8. The Township appreciates any and all feedback.
 - 9. The survey results go directly to the consulting firm.
 - 10. The main focus of the master plan will most likely be housing, as long as the Township can get the funding.
 - 11. Housing is the biggest issue faced in the Township right now.
 - 12. They would like to plan short- and long-term goals for housing.
 - 13. There is a lot of land that could be developed in the Township.
 - ii. Jacobetti/Michigan Veterans Homes (MVH) Update:
 - 1. There has been a lot of developing news over the summer regarding the possible Jacobetti site.
 - 2. The original location fell through.
 - 3. They are now looking at the 38-acre parcel on Venture Drive.
 - 4. The main issue here is that Venture Drive goes right through the land.
 - 5. The original solution was to abandon Venture Drive, but the road commission put down traffic counter cables and the count was much higher than expected.
 - 6. Therefore, they are proposing a realignment of Venture Drive.
 - 7. They will need to get approval from the County Road Commission to do this. The public hearing is on Monday, November 30th at 2pm at the Marquette County Road Commission Office, located at 1610 N. Second Street, Ishpeming.
 - 8. MVH are looking for all the support they can get regarding this.
 - 9. The MVH and the State of Michigan will pay for this, with possible support from the Road Commission.
 - 10. The Township believes this will be a positive addition to the Township community.
 - 11. The facility will be the same operating style as the one in the City of Marquette.
 - 12. The MVH want to start on this project as soon as they can, so depending on the realignment of Venture Drive, they will start this fall.
 - 13. There has been talk about leaving some of the land for park use. There are a few different locations being looked at for this, but no decisions have been made.
 - iii. Erik receives a lot of calls regarding short-term rentals in the Township.
 - iv. The old Jasmine restaurant still remains empty. The location is difficult because the right away needs to get abandoned which has to go through the Road Commission and this is a big process most don't want to go through.
- d. **DDA Update (Frank Stabile):** Next meeting in October.

e. **MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile):**

- i. Posting whenever information is sent over.
- ii. Michelle will have some information regarding snow plowing to post soon.

C. **Membership:**

- a. **Members:** 43
- b. **New Board Members**

D. **New Business:**

- a. **Membership Drive:** The membership drive has begun!
 - i. Sarah has created a timeline to keep us on track.
 - ii. The membership committee will need to visit our current members in September and October.
 - iii. Sarah will be getting to potential new businesses.

E. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Raffle:**
 - i. Mike and Frank sold about 50 raffle tickets at Community Day!
 - ii. Overall, it was a good event and many people were interested in the MTBA table.
 - iii. There are 500 tickets in total to try and sell by the Christmas Tree lighting.

F. **Donations**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 – Hudson's Classic Grill

Meeting ends at 12:00pm