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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – Noon – Hudson's

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)
- Michelle Lajoie - (Lost Creek Apartments/CAAM)
- Traci Leonard - (Proxy for Chuck Williams) (mediaBrew)

B. ABSENT

- Jim Borowski (Goodwill)

C. GUESTS

- David Wiegand (TruNorth)
- Erik Powers (Township)

2. Nomination Agenda

A. Board Member Nominations: Michelle LaJoie motions to renew Michael Morgan and Jim Borowski for a three-year term, and motions to add David Wiegand onto the board for a three-year term. Mike Morgan supports this motion. Motion passes.

- Michael Morgan, Co-Chairman (First National Trust & Wealth Management) – Expiring 1/1/2025
- Jim Borowski (Goodwill) – Expiring 1/1/2025

B. Executive Board Nominations- One Year Term: Michelle LaJoie motions to renew the executive board in their current positions for a one-year term. Mike Morgan supports this motion. Motion Passes.

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

C. Call for Nominations for New Board Members

- David Weigand (TruNorth)

3. Consent Agenda

A. Treasurers Report:

- Bank Statement Balances as of December 31, 2024:
 - Checking: \$2,809.67
 - Savings: \$3,054.74
 - CD 4.425% (Matures 7/29/2024): \$7,411.84
- Invoices Paid:
- Invoices to be Paid:
 - Media Brew Website Fee: \$100

- ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: December \$70

B. Correspondence:

- a. Chris Germain (LSCP) email to Sarah about meeting
- b. Steven Anderson (Household MQT) email regarding 2015 taxes
 - i. Michelle Schroeder (Township) response regarding 2015 taxes
- c. Justin LePage (Ameriprise) email regarding meeting topics of discussion:
 - i. Corridor Improvement
 - ii. Business Access

4. Regular Agenda

- A. Motion for Approval of January Agenda, December Meeting Minutes, and Consent Agenda-** Jenn Wallner motions, Michelle Lajoie support, motion passes.

B. Reports:

- a. **Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Andrew Rickauer):** Andrew not present, no report.
- b. **Events (Traci Leonard):**
 - i. mediaBrew plans on hosting the Father's Day Car Show and the Christmas Tree Lighting in 2025.
 - ii. mediaBrew will be partnering with Goodwill once again for the Christmas Tree Lighting.
 - iii. Both events are contingent on the mall selling and if the new owners agree to have both events in the parking lot.
 - 1. This doesn't seem like it will be an issue for this year at least.
- c. **Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Erik Powers):**
 - i. The Renovare 48-unit development project has been approved by the planning commission from a land use perspective. Now they are working with the county board and the township board to draft a brown field plan and final PPP agreement.
 - ii. The VA homes development discussions are ongoing.
 - 1. They have met with an engineer team.
 - 2. Have discussed with the fire department.
 - 3. Everything is very preliminary right now.
 - 4. There is not sight plan yet.
 - 5. The abandonment and realignment of the section of Wright Street is still ongoing.
 - a. Until this is settled, there will be no official site plan.
 - b. Public hearings have happened regarding this and most have been in favor of the realignment.
 - c. The new road will swing to the South, closer to the mall.
 - iii. Overall, this is a quiet time of the year for the Township.
 - iv. There is no new news regarding the Wright Street/Forestville development. This is still in the courts. It is unlikely that there will be any intersection progress either, until the legal processes are finished.
- d. **DDA Update (Frank Stabile):**
 - i. DDA had a meeting about a week ago.
 - ii. They are trying to get access heading towards the East end of the Township, starting at Commerce Drive.
 - 1. A couple years ago they were trying to get access behind the Cedar Motor Inn area, through Superior Oasis, to Brookton and 492. This didn't happen.
 - iii. Right now, the maintenance strip is being used as a sidewalk.
 - iv. The topography of the Township has also been discussed.
 - v. In the City of Marquette there are areas with sidewalks and flower beds, as well as raised areas in the center of roundabouts, but MDOT has denied similar things for the Township.
 - vi. The DDA will be sending out letters to all businesses to see if they would want to participate in a sidewalk/trail
 - vii. They will also send a letter out to the DDA to let them know what they are trying to do.
 - viii. There will be a separate letter going out regarding the grassy area that is already there and wanting it to be maintained.
 - ix. Erik explained that MDOT does not want anything to obscure vision while driving, which is why it's hard to get anything added to the corridor area.
- e. **MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile):**

- i. Talked with Adam at mediaBrew about posting the car show and Christmas tree lighting on our website, which he did. He also added a search function and updated the news page, which looks great!
- ii. Traci explained that Adam is there for any website needs we have. That is what our \$100 maintenance fee is for.
- iii. Sarah will be checking the Township and LSCP Facebook pages weekly to see if there is any good information to share with our members.
- iv. Michelle suggested to share information about business after hours and help promote these events.

C. Membership:

- a. **Members:** 37 paid and 6 unpaid members
- b. **New Board Members:** Welcome David!

D. New Business:

- a. **LSCP Chris Germain Meeting:**
 - i. Chris reached out to Sarah at the beginning of the new year hoping to get a meeting with the MTBA and update us on changes to LSCP.
 - ii. Chris is confirmed to attend our February meeting!
- b. **Steven Anderson (Household MQT) Email Regarding 2015 Taxes:**
 - i. Steven emailed the MTBA and called Frank regarding a notice he received about his 2015 personal taxes.
 - 1. The notice told him there was a mistake made while filing the taxes, and he owes the difference, plus a penalty.
 - ii. Frank reached out to the Township and received a response from Michelle Schroeder. (Email handed out to all board members at meeting).
 - iii. The email from Michelle confirmed Steven's explanation.
 - iv. Summary of the email:
 - 1. Delinquent Personal Property tax notices have been sent. According to section 211.56 of the General Property Tax Act, the treasurer is required by law to add a 4% administration fee on March 1st—the date taxes are turned over delinquent—and a 1% interest charge for each month the tax remains unpaid. Unfortunately, there is no provision for waiving these or any other fees.
 - 2. Property taxes are due and the responsibility of the tax payer, regardless of receiving them.
 - 3. They are currently working to collect delinquent personal property taxes dating back to 2013.
 - 4. The Township apologizes for this mistake and they are working to make sure something like this does not happen again.
 - v. The board has agreed to email Steven back with this new information and to suggest for him to go to the Township Board with this issue.
 - 1. Frank will be following up with Steven to give him our suggestions and to find out any more information.

E. Unfinished Business: None

F. Donations

- a. **Yearly School Donations**
 - i. North Star Academy: 1/21/2025 at 1:15pm – Cancelled because of a cold day. Will be rescheduling.
 - ii. Marquette Alternative High School: Waiting to hear back.
 - 1. David will be at the school in a few weeks, and will talk with Andrew if he sees him.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 – Noon – Hudson's Classic Grill

Mike Morgan motions to ended the meeting, Jenn Wallner supports, motion passes, and the meeting ends at 12:57pm.