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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – Noon – Hudson's

1. Roll Call

A. PRESENT:

- Frank Stabile Chairman (Superior Oasis)
- Jenn Wallner Treasurer (Tailored CPA's)
- Michelle LaJoie (Lost Creek Apartments/CAAM)
- Chuck Williams (mediaBrew)

B. ABSENT

- Michael Morgan Co-Chairman (First National Trust & Wealth Management)
- Jim Borowski (Goodwill)

C. GUESTS

- Erik Powers
- Andrew Rickauer

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Treasurers Report:
 - a. Bank Statement Balances as of May 31, 2025:
 - i. Checking: \$1,577.67
 - ii. Savings: \$5,055.61
 - iii. CD 4.425% (Matures 7/29/2024): \$7,574.46
 - b. Invoices Paid:
 - i. Media Brew Website Fee: \$100
 - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: April \$32
 - c. Invoices to be Paid:
 - i. Media Brew Website Fee: \$100
 - ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: May \$119
 - iii. Pride Printing Raffle Tickets: \$85

B. Correspondence

- a. Tom McFadden (Edward Jones) Emailed regarding meeting topics:
 - i. Corridor Improvement
 - ii. Business Access
 - iii. Utilities
- b. David Weigand Resigned due to new job outside of the Township

3. Regular Agenda

A. Motion for Approval of June Agenda, April and May Meeting Minutes, and Consent Agenda- Michelle LaJoie motions, Jenn Wallner supports, motion passes.

B. Reports:

a. Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Andrew Rickauer)

- i. Things have been slow.
- ii. Board went through a lot of policy updates and additions such as ACH and partial payments for utility bills.
- iii. The dog and blight issues have been heavily discussed. Both are close to being out for public review for 30-days.
- iv. The Township is required to notify the public of changes for 30 days before anything goes into effect.
- v. After the 30 days the updates can be enforced.
- vi. The blight ordnance is finished but the dog ordnance will likely have a change made and need to start over with the 30 day notice.
- vii. The dog policy in the Township will now be following state law. There are signs out on the Well Road, which is the main area of concern.
- viii. The blight ordnance hasn't changed much, but the way it's enforced has changed. The standards remain the same, but the process has been changed on how to handle issues, making it easier.

b. Events (Chuck Williams):

- i. Despite the cool weather, the Father's Day Car Show went really well!
- ii. There were 140 cars registered and 90 came. Which is a low turn out but it's because of the weather.
- iii. As for attendees, the number was still very high.

c. Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Erik Powers)

- i. There is not much to report on since our last meeting.
- ii. The Jacobetti ground breaking took place and was a good event.
- 1. Governor Whitmer and other local politicians attended.
- iii. The master plan is still ongoing and slightly delayed.
 - 1. They met with a consultant this morning.
 - 2. Slowly getting draft chapters out for review.
 - 3. This plan is grant funded and has a February 2026 deadline.
 - 4. Hoping to have the final draft done no later than October.
- iv. Currently working on a change to the backyard chicken rules.
 - 1. As of now chickens are allowed in all scenic and rural residential areas of the Township.
 - 2. This includes pretty much everywhere other than Trowbridge.
 - 3. There is interest in backyard chickens in Trowbridge.
 - 4. Erik has been researching how other areas handle backyard chickens in a way that isn't a nuisance. And there are a lot of ways for this to work.
 - 5. This would be an accessory to a current residence, not for buying land to have chicken coops.
 - 6. Bee hives and rabbit enclosures are typically included with backyard chickens, so to get ahead of future requests, the Township will most likely include these.
- v. Aldi will possibly be coming to the Township.

d. DDA Update (Frank Stabile)

- i. The DDA is working on a project to have a non-motorized connecting trail behind businesses on the corridor. This is would run behind businesses such as Superior Oasis.
- ii. The DDA is asking the community for their input and support on this.
- iii. The trail would be a challenge because it would have to go across multiple privately owned properties. Commercial and residential.
- iv. Although, there are less residential properties than when they have tried this in the past.
- v. Please contact Jon Kangas directly with feedback.

e. MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile)

- i. Have been posting updates as usually from the Township and LSCP, as well as other member updates.
- ii. The donation to the Township events committee has been posted.
- iii. Sarah to ask Adam at mediaBrew to post about the Car Show.

C. Membership:

a. Members: 43 members

D. New Business:

- a. No Meetings in July & August
 - i. Next meeting will be on September 16th.

E. Unfinished Business:

- a. Raffle:
 - i. Unfortunately, no tickets were able to be sold at the car show.
 - ii. Next event to sell tickets at will be Community Day.
 - iii. Tickets were given to Jenn, Frank, and Chuck.
 - iv. Sarah has the rest of the tickets for anyone that needs more or wants to grab some to sell.
- b. Joint Township Meeting:
 - i. The joint meeting went really well! We got a lot of good information from the Township.
- c. Car Show:
 - i. As previously discussed, the car show went well despite the cool weather.

F. Donations

a. Community Day \$500 Donation – this donation was presented to the events committee at the joint meeting!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - Noon - Hudson's

Jenn Wallner motions to end the meeting, Michelle LaJoie supports, motion passes, and meeting adjoins at 12:49pm.