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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – Noon – Hudson's

1. Roll Call

A. **PRESENT:**
- Frank Stabile - Chairman (Hudson's Classic Grill)
- Jenn Wallner - Treasurer (Tailored CPA's)
- Jim Borowski (Goodwill)
- Michael Morgan - Co-Chairman (First National Trust & Wealth Management)

B. **ABSENT**
- Chuck Williams (mediaBrew)

C. **GUESTS**
- Erik Powers
- Andrew Rickauer

2. Consent Agenda

A. Treasurers Report:
a. Bank Statement Balances as of, May 31, 2026:
i. Checking: $3,238.17
ii. Savings: $5,058.14
i. CD 3.94% (Matures 7/15/2026): $7,858.50
b. Invoices to be Paid:
i. Media Brew Website Fee: $100
ii. Sarah Stabile for Secretarial Services: May $97
iii. Township Events Committee – Community Day Donation: $500

3. Regular Agenda

A. Motion for Approval of June Agenda, May Meeting Minutes, and Consent Agenda- Mike Morgan motions, Jenn Wallner supports, motion passes.
a. Frank Stabile makes a motion to change the agenda to add the $500 Community Day donation to the invoices to be paid list in the treasures report. Mike Morgan and Jenn Wallner support, motion passes.

B. Correspondence
a. Lyn Durant – LSCP Meeting Regarding Emergency Response
i. The LSCP had a meeting regarding emergency response, at which Brian Hummel from the county's Emergency Management Coordinator and David Yoder, who works for the Michigan Small Business Development Center spoke at.
ii. Lyn clued us in on this because she thought we might be interested in learning more from them so we can pass on emergency response information to our members.
iii. Sarah will look into this more.
b. Linda Winslow – Donation for Community Day Request

i. On behalf of the Township Events Committee Linda sent a letter requesting a $500 donation from the MTBA.
ii. This is something the MTBA has donated to now for multiple years.
iii. Mike Morgan motions to donate $500 to the Township Events Committee for Community Days to help with the kid's area. Jenn Wallner supports, motion passes.

c. LSCP – Ribbon Cutting Invite for Gartner's Gallery
i. Gartner's Gallery is having a ribbon cutting on Thursday, June 18th, at 9am.
ii. Chuck Williams has volunteer to attend, to represent the MTBA. A MTBA packet will be given to the new business in hopes they will join the MTBA for the 2027 year.

C. Reports-

a. **Marquette Township Board Treasurer (Andrew Rickauer):**
i. The joint meeting in May covered a lot of what is going on in the Township right now.
ii. The Township Fire Department is still getting a new truck, which should arrive in about two years.
1. The truck will be a standard build.
2. The cost is roughly 2.3 million.
3. Once the new truck comes in, the 30-year-old truck will be scrapped.
iii. The Fire Department still needs more part-time staff.
1. They are hoping to not have any on-call positions once these part-time positions are filled.
2. The matter of having a 24/7 full time fire staff will be on the next Township ballot.

b. **Events (Chuck Williams):**
i. Nothing new to report on for the events.
ii. Linda Winslow was unable to attend the meeting today to discuss Community Day, but Sarah will reach out and see if she can attend the July executive board meeting.

c. **Marquette Township Planning & Zoning Administrator (Erik Powers):**
i. Did a walkthrough of the Westwood Mall yesterday with a broker who represents several national chain companies.
1. The broker brought along an engineering firm to check out the structure of the building.
2. Marquette County Building and Codes Department was also there. Had to sign a waiver to walk through the building.
3. The broker seems interested in keeping part of the building if possible, and developing around that.
ii. The mall area is broken up into different parcels and has different owners.
1. Northiron Church owns the old JCPenney's building and they have common wall ownership. They also own a parcel of land that borders Venture Drive. And a large chunk of the parking lot.
2. H&R Block building is a separate parcel.
3. Applebee's is a sperate parcel as well.
4. Kohls and Dunham's are both standalone parcels.
5. Erik will get Sarah a map to pass along to the board.
iii. The Township has been fielding calls from the businesses inside the mall and helping them relocate.
1. Right now, Rentall has relocated to the H&R Block building.
2. A couple businesses have relocated to the City of Marquette.
3. Have not heard from Maurice's, Bath and Body Works, or Hallmark.
4. The County Building Codes Department was hesitant to let people back into the mall, but renters have been able to go back in to collect their items.
iv. Cherry Creek Construction has been approved to move into the old Mount Mnf location.
1. This will be more of a corporate office/show room, rather than a construction yard.
2. There should not be construction equipment outside of the building.
v. Culvers has finished their project. Added a dumper enclosure and another drive thru lane.
vi. The Master Plan has been formally adopted. On the Township website for review.
vii. The recreation plan needs to be updated to stay current with the DNR requirements for grant funding.
1. Jason is the staff lead of recreation so he will be starting that this week.
2. They need to add in any potential projects that may happen, because as long as it's in the plan it can be stated on the grant application.
viii. Heritage Trails project is the only large-scale residential project happening.

ix. Township hired a part-time property maintenance employee; zoning technician.
    1. The first task will be residential and once all the neighborhoods are checked out, he will move onto commercial.
    2. For commercial the big item is standalone dumpsters. The Township requires an enclosure around them, which many businesses do not have.
    3. There is a quick facts sheet for residential property maintenance standards, but they do not have a commercial one yet.
    4. Erik will work on this and get it to the MTBA to pass along to businesses.

d. **DDA Update (Frank Stabile):**
    i. The non-motorized trail project:
        1. Commerce Drive: Werner Street to the highway.
        2. Old Wright Street: Venture Drive to the highway.
        3. The DDA got a TAP grant and the Township is matching that grant amount.
            a. $200,000 grant.
        4. The final bids came in and there was an overage of almost $16,000.
        5. The DDA had to approve this in order to continue on with the project, and it was approved.
    ii. The pot holes in front of the Township have been filled, but the road in front of the fire department has not been fixed because it is being paid differently.
    iii. The Road Commission will be fixing all of Commerce Drive next year, but the DDA did have a little money to spend on patching up the holes in front of the Township Hall.

e. **MTBA Facebook Page & Website (Sarah Stabile):** No Updates

D. Membership:

a. **Membership:**
    i. 2026: 42 Members

b. **Potential New Businesses:**
    i. Texas Roadhouse – Chuck
    ii. Youngs Menswear – Frank
    iii. H&R Block – Michelle
    iv. Dairy Queen – Mike
    v. US Army Recruiting Station – Chuck
    vi. Riverside Auto – Frank
    vii. Ultra Construction
    viii. Nirvana – Frank
    ix. Wildflower – Chuck
    x. Mount Mfg
    xi. Specialty Infusion
    xii. Gartner's Gallery
    xiii. Fresh Coast Beauty
    xiv. UP Indoor Golf- Chuck

E. New Business

a. Raffle:
    i. The MTBA executive board decided to not do the raffle this year.
    ii. It was becoming hard to sell enough tickets and we would like to spend more time visiting our current members and potential members instead of stopping in to sell tickets.

b. Community Day:
    i. Community Day is August 1st.
        1. The kid's area will be from 3pm-6pm and a concert by 2nd Edition that night from 7pm-9pm.
    ii. They are doing the concert a little different this year with three separate concerts on three different days.
    iii. On Wednesday, August 12, from 5pm-7pm there will be a concert by Troy Graham.
    iv. On Tuesday, August 18, from 7pm-9pm, there will be a concert by the Max Sanderson Band.
    v. The MTBA will donating $500 to the kid's area and would like to have the banner up during the event.
        1. Mike will talk to Linda about this.

F. Unfinished Business

a. Road Access behind Goodwill:
    i. There is nothing new to report on this, although it is still a continued problem.
    ii. Jim has met with Mitch from Wildflower Development a couple times and he has been very accommodating.
    iii. Mitch is trying to help them out with some type of access road.
    iv. The idea of buying land from LaFayette Collion Center does not seem like it'll work.
    v. Hoping for approval from MDOT for some safer options, such as an acceleration lane and lower speed limits.
    vi. A roundabout has been suggested.
    vii. Jim will ask the MTBA when and if he needs help regarding this.
b. Reserve Money:
    i. This is a continued topic for the board to think on.
c. Roundabout Adoption:
    i. The MTBA would like to use some of the reserve money for the roundabout but will have to wait and see how the Township moves forward.

G. Donations

a. Marquette Alternative High School
b. North Star Academy – Completed

H. Round Table

a. Goodwill is opening a store in Escanaba. Soft opening possible in August and grand opening possible in September.
b. The new ALICE report is out. You can view this by going to unitedforalice.org.
    i. ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 – Noon – Hudson's

Jenn Wallner motions to end the meeting, Jim Borowski supports, motion passes and the meeting adjoins at 1:03pm.