

TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

Eric Schaefer, *Supervisor* / Laura Bouchard, *Treasurer* / Cindy Ordway, *Clerk*
Curt Campbell, *Trustee* / Ross DeMaagd, *Trustee* / Kim Selleck, *Trustee* / Sandra Rairigh, *Trustee*

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REGULAR MEETING October 14, 2024

1. INVOCATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Bouchard: Campbell: DeMaagd: Ordway:	Present Present Present Present	Rairigh: Schaefer: Selleck:	Present Present Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Commissioner Smelker, Mark Jacobsen, Jason Preslar, Lindsay Preslar, Luanne Barnes			

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Motion by Campbell – to approve the printed agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Support by Selleck
MOTION STATUS:	Motion Carries by voice vote with 7 yes votes.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Motion by Campbell to approve the Consent Agenda as amended which corrects the draft of September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. This corrects Item Number 11A, New Business. The motion status initially notes that the motion was approved by roll call with 6 ayes and 0 nos. This should have correctly stated that the motion was approved by 7 ayes and 0 nos. This motion also approves the minutes of the Special Township Board Meeting as amended, which was held on September 18, 2024. The change is being made to correct the word “ <i>superintendent</i> ” to read “ <i>supervisor</i> ” as it currently appears.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Selleck
MOTION STATUS:	Motion carries by Roll Call with 7 yes votes.

6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. CLERK’S REPORT: Reports were distributed.

8. COUNTY REPORT

County Commissioner Jon Smelker:	Commission Smelker indicated that one of the COW meetings was canceled due to lack of agenda items. GIS has been moved from the IT Department to Planning and Zoning. Ivan has left and gone to Eaton County and his replacement is forthcoming.
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Board Response:	Thank you, Commissioner, for your report.
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9. RESERVED TIME: None

10. PUBLIC HEARING: Duncan Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Schaefer and the public was offered the opportunity to express any comments or concerns. Mr. Jacobson questioned the cost to the property owners. Supervisor Schaefer and Treasurer Bouchard explained the process. Mr. Jacobson again expressed his concerns as to why only the property owners and not the public are responsible for the cost. Public hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

11. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Chief Richardson shared monthly reports. His team averages 7.25 first responders to every call. Chief also indicated that his department was first on the scene at a structural fire in Hastings last week. 12 members of the Thornapple Township Department responded to the scene. The crew was great at their ability to manage this fire, and he (Chief Richardson) is extremely proud of their performance and effectiveness. The Hastings Fire Chief also commented on the exceptional job of the Thornapple Township crew.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 13-2024 - **Duncan Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District**

MOTION STATED:	Motion by Selleck to approve and adopt Resolution 13-2024 to proceed with and make the public improvements; approval of the plans and estimates of cost; to defray the costs by special assessment; final determinations of the special assessment district; directive to the Township Supervisor to prepare the special assessment roll.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Schaefer
MOTION STATUS:	Motion carries by Roll Call with 7 yes votes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bouchard:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Selleck:	Yes
	Ordway:	Yes		

b. Resolution 14-2024 – **Duncan Lake weed Control Special Assessment District – Acknowledgement of Filing and Presentation of Roll to the Township Board and to Schedule the Public Hearing.**

MOTION STATED:	Motion by Rairigh to approve and adopt Resolution 14-2024 which acknowledges the filing and presentation of the special assessment roll to the township board and scheduling of the public hearing.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Schaefer
MOTION STATUS:	Motion carries by Roll Call with 7 yes votes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bouchard:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Selleck:	Yes
	Ordway:	Yes		

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration (Schaefer, Bouchard, Ordway): None

B. Cemetery (Ordway, DeMaagd, Rairigh): Ordway indicated that the decorative cement and walkway is finished at the columbarium. It looks great.

C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer): Schaefer shared that the DDA Director has resigned and is taking a job with a non-profit about which she is passionate. “Christmas on the River” is being planned. The DDA is currently working on a committee basis until a new DDA director is installed.

D. Elections (Ordway, Bouchard, Schaefer): Ordway indicated that the election process is going well. 400 more absentee ballots have been sent for this election over the last.

E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh): DeMaagd- nothing new.

F. Finance (Bouchard, Ordway, Rairigh): Bouchard-Nothing new.

G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Schaefer): The fundraiser “Make a Mark” has been successful so far. This fundraiser offers a choice of initials **TK, M, or S** to be stenciled on driveways for a nominal fee.

H. Personnel – Compensation (Ordway, Campbell, Schaefer): Schaefer- Nothing new. There is an upcoming meeting planned for later this week.

I. Property and Public Utilities (Selleck, DeMaagd, Campbell): Schaefer indicated that he is currently working on obtaining quotes for our snowplowing service for this winter.

J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Selleck): Nothing new.

K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Selleck, Schaefer): There was an authorized discharge today.

14. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

15. POLL OF MEMBERS:

Kim Selleck (Trustee) – Encourages everyone’s engagement in their right to vote.

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – Inquires about the audit

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – Nothing to report.

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – Nothing to report.

Laura Bouchard (Treasurer) – Nothing to report.


Cindy Ordway (Clerk) – Nothing to report.

Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) – Get out to vote.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 7:28 p.m.

MOTION STATED:	Motion by Cambell to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Selleck
MOTION STATUS:	Motion carries with 7 yes voice votes.


Cindy Ordway
Township Clerk

Approved:
11/11/2024