

TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

Michael Bremer, *Supervisor* / Debra K Buckowing, *Treasurer* / Cindy A. Willshire, *Clerk*
Curt Campbell, *Trustee* / Ross DeMaagd, *Trustee* / Jake Jelsema, *Trustee* / Sandra Rairigh, *Trustee*



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REGULAR MEETING March 16, 2020

1. INVOCATION - Supervisor Bremer
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Bremer: Present Buckowing: Present Campbell: Absent DeMaagd: Present	Jelsema: Absent, but on speaker phone. Rairigh: Present Willshire: Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Eric Schaefer, Bryan Finkbeiner, Dan VanKalker, Rob and Sue Dykstra, Kelly Lewis, Dana and Jim Yarger, Dan Parker, Chad Klutman, Rod Preslar, Greg Chandler	

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing- Motion to approve the printed agenda as amended with addition of comments from Dana Yarger during reserved time and removal of 13. C. EMS millage discussion.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	DeMaagd
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with 5 yes voice votes.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing- Motion to approve the consent agenda.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with 5 yes voice votes.

6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Dan Parker announced he is running for Thornapple Township Supervisor as Bremer is not running for re-election.

7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioner Dan Parker:	Barry County office will be staying open unless/until they hear otherwise from the governor requesting, they close due to the spread of COVID-19.
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8. RESERVED TIME:

- A. **Peace Church** – Dan VanKalker presents proposal for Professional Civil Engineering Services for a Feasibility Study by Progressive and FCC Construction. The feasibility study would outline the cost of the design, construction and continued maintenance related to the expansion of the DLSA wastewater lagoons in order to service Peace Church as well as other residents of the township. The

cost of the study is \$11,500.00. Peace Church requests the cost be shared 50/50 with the township. The study would look at expanding the current system. The cost of hooking into the expanded system would be covered by Peace Church while the expansion of the system would be shared between Peace and DLSA. The board requests this information be presented to the Duncan Lake Sewer Authority. If the DLSA approves the cost of the study, then they would approach the township board with a recommendation.

B. Dana Yarger – Barry County COVID-19 Update – Proposes TTES dedicate one of two ambulances to the service of transporting COVID-19 patients from Pennock to Zeeland Hospital or Mercy Big Rapids.

- TTES pays fuel, preparation of ambulance, restocking of supplies and personal protection equipment as needed in the event of transport of COVID-19 patients.
- Pennock, Zeeland or Mercy Big Rapids pays medics wages and provides worker’s compensation coverage as usual for its employees.
- Mileage will be paid to TTES if ALS provider is from another agency than TTES.
- Will jointly develop a 24 hour on-call schedule.
- See CODIV-19 transfer vehicle Prop 1 provided by Yarger for further details.

Bremer asked each board member if they are in support of this plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Absent, but on speaker phone.
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Absent	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

9. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed 2020-2021 Township Budget

Opened at 7:35 p.m.

No comments received from the public regarding the proposed budget

Closed at 7:36 p.m.

10. CLERK’S REPORT:

A. 2020/2021 Budget – Rairigh requested trustee’s salaries be restored to 2019/2020 amounts.

Buckowing stated that several amendments to the budget would be presented and discussed further.

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing – Motion to adopt Resolution 04-2020: General Appropriations Resolution 2020/2021 Thornapple Township Budget
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with roll call vote. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bremer: Buckowing: Campbell: DeMaagd:	Yes Yes Absent Yes	Jelsema: Rairigh: Willshire:	Absent, but on speaker phone. Yes Yes
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11. TREASURER’S REPORT: none

12. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:

A. Ordinance 2020-01- Getty stated that the process for issuing the special use permits for events is designed to address the unique details of each situation within the township.

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing – Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-01: Proposed zoning ordinance amendment. Allow issuance of special permits for special event venues at greenhouses and barns.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with roll call vote. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bremer: Buckowing: Campbell: DeMaagd:	Yes Yes Absent Yes	Jelsema: Rairigh: Willshire:	Absent, but on speaker phone. Yes Yes
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B. Master Plan

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing – Motion to approve the Master Plan draft for the next step in the process, which is distributing it to the notice group.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with roll call vote. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bremer: Buckowing: Campbell: DeMaagd:	Yes Yes Absent Yes	Jelsema: Rairigh: Willshire:	Absent, but on speaker phone. Yes Yes
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13. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

A. Treat No Transport Fee Schedule – See document, “Fee Schedule” submitted

MOTION STATED:	DeMaagd – Motion to approve the Treat No Transport Fee schedule.
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MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with roll call vote. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Absent, but on speaker phone.
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes Absent	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

- B. Approve EMS Committee recommendation for millage revenue distribution to be 60% fire, 30% ambulance and 10% capital (effective upon adoption.) Bucking commented this was approved at the Finance Committee meeting held in February.
- C. Summary – See document of February calls.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **2019/2020 Budget Amendments** – See document submitted.

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing – Motion to approve 2019/2020 budget amendments.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with roll call vote. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Absent, but on speaker phone.
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes Absent	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

- B. **Duncan Lake Sewer** – See reserved time

15. NEW BUSINESS: Informational only

- A. 2020/2021 Board Meeting Schedule- 9/7 changed to 9/14
- B. 2020 Census Information – memo from Julie Calley, State Representative
- C. Day of Review for local intercounty Drains – all meetings canceled until further notice
- D. TK Schools 80-acre annexation request to village (Part of joint planning in Master Plan)
- E. Blue Zones update – all meetings canceled until further notice
- F. Township office hours – closing notice Services to be provided via appointment, emails or phone

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Administration (Bremer, Buckowing, Willshire)
- B. Cemetery (Willshire, DeMaagd, Rairigh)
- C. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Bremer) – AV applications sent out for May election.

D. Emergency Services (Demaagd, Bremer, Rairigh)

E. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, DeMaagd) – Closing of FEMA grant

F. Parks and Recreation Representative (Bremer) Youth baseball season effected by COVID-19. Schedule unknown. T-ball and coach pitch sign ups remain open for current time. Used equipment sale was a success.

G. Personnel – Compensation (Willshire, Campbell, Bremer)

H. Property and Public Utilities (Jelsema, DeMaagd, Campbell)

I. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Jelsema)

16. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

A. Commissioner Parker stated the Jail forum to be held in Nashville on March 19 has been canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak. County mileage will address Jail only and not include funds for COA.

B. Catherine Getty announced that she would be running for Barry County Commissioner that is being made vacant by Dan Parker.

17. POLL OF MEMBERS:

Jake Jelsema (Trustee) – Thanked everyone for tonight and encouraged them to stay safe via speaker phone.

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – None

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – None

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – Absent

Deb Buckowing (Treasurer) Requested approval to make public announcement via social media that wifi was available for public use should people like to park in lot and access it. Board supported the move.

Cindy Willshire (Clerk) – None

Mike Bremer (Supervisor) – Offered his thanks to all for coming and for their willingness to adjust to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 8:29 P.M.

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing – Move to adjourn
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Approved with 5 yes voice votes.

Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved ____/2020__