

# 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 TELECONFERENCE April 13, 2020

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

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Bremer: Buckowing: Campbell: DeMaagd:	Present Present Present Present	Jelsema: Rairigh: Willshire:	Present Present Present
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Amy Brown, Catherine Getty, Dan Parker, Eric Schaefer, Luke Froncheck, and Chief Randy Eaton.			

### 4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Buckowing- Motion to approve the printed agenda.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Willshire
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 7 yes voice votes.

### 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Campbell- Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended with correction to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2020. Vote by Campbell from 'Yes' to "Absent" in 13.a and 14. a as he was absent from March 16 regular meeting.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Buckowing
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 7 yes voice votes.

**6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT:** Eric Schaefer appreciates the call being open to the public for attendance.

### 7. COUNTY REPORT:

<b>County Commissioner Dan Parker:</b>	Barry County Board will be voting on Resolution 2011 regarding a ballot proposal for a millage to fund construction of a new county jail. Asked the opinions of those present regarding the timing of which ballot they feel it could be proposed on.
<b>Board Response:</b>	Some felt the proposal should go on the August election, other's thought the November election and still other's thought some time next year would be best. Some encouraged the County board to clearly communicate with the public about the details of the proposal and others had questions about the dollar amount of

	taxes on a given property. Parker thanked everyone for their input and stated he would take that information back to the County board.
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**8. RESERVED TIME:** none

**9. CLERK’S REPORT:** none

**10. TREASURER’S REPORT:** none

**11. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** none

**12. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:**

**A. Summary** – Chief Eaton stated they have plenty of PPE at this time. He was able to procure gowns at a slightly higher cost. They also purchased some hand sanitizer/disinfectant from a local brewery in Kentwood. The ambulance designated for covid-19 patient transfers has not been used yet. Number of positive people seem to be lower than expected. They are taking extra precautions as some people may be asymptomatic. Calls are down this month compared to last year. March 2019 had 86 calls. March 2020 had 63 calls.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Server** – Board decided to hold off on the decision between replacing in-house server versus using cloud server. Questions arose about costs listed. Campbell requested a straight cost comparison be provided by Aunalytics.

**B. 2019/2020 Budget Amendments:**

a. Fire and Ambulance revenues dues to approved reallocation (from 70% fire- 20% ambulance-10% capital to: 60% Fire- 30% ambulance- 10% capital) of millage monies.

**C. Final emergency services payroll 2019/2020 budget amendments:** Buckowing reminded the board that final amounts will be available after the audit process. It’s scheduled for May, however there may be delayed due to the pandemic.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Campbell – motion to approve 2019/2020 budget amendment regarding revenue disbursement percentages as stated above.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call vote. 7 yes, and 0 no.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

**15. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Administration (Bremer, Buckowing, Willshire)
- B. Cemetery (Willshire, DeMaagd, Rairigh)
- C. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Bremer) – Will be scheduling a meeting soon.
- D. Emergency Services (Demaagd, Bremer, Rairigh) See minutes included in board packet
- E. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, DeMaagd)
- F. Parks and Recreation Representative (Bremer)
- 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. Eric Schaefer noticed that the proposal from Aanalytics had expired and wondered if that needed to be addressed. Willshire confirmed they had extended the date.

**17. POLL OF MEMBERS:**

**Jake Jelsema (Trustee)** – Cautioned everyone on revenues going forward.

**Sandy Rairigh (Trustee)** – Any updates on sewer request by Peace Church? (Answer, not yet.) Remind all that the deadline of April 21, 2020 for running for re-election was fast approaching. Need to turn in paperwork.

**Ross DeMaagd (Trustee)** – Will there be an extension? (Answer, no.)

**Curt Campbell (Trustee)** – Feels the teleconference systems works well during the current, “Stay home, stay safe” executive order.

**Deb Buckowing (Treasurer)** – Reminder that while staff is working from home a lot, they are still available by appointment, email, or phone. Also, the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 9 to 11 am. Also, the mail is being picked up and daily so someone is stopping in Monday through Thursday at the office.

**Cindy Willshire (Clerk)** – None

**Mike Bremer (Supervisor)** – Thanked everyone for joining for the teleconference and their continued efforts.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TIME: 8:03 P.M.**

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Jelsema – Move to adjourn
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Buckowing
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 7 yes voice votes.

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Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

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