

# TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

Eric Schaefer, *Supervisor* / Debra K Buckowing, *Treasurer* / Cindy A. Willshire, *Clerk*  
Curt Campbell, *Trustee* / Ross DeMaagd, *Trustee* / Kim Selleck, *Trustee* / Sandra Rairigh, *Trustee*



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## REGULAR MEETING Held by teleconference (978) 990-5348 January 11, 2021

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

TIME: 7:02 P.M.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Buckowing: Present Campbell: Present DeMaagd: Present Rairigh: Present	Schaefer: Present Selleck: Present Willshire: Present
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Patricia Rayl, Catherine Getty, Savannah Kaechele, Joe Johnson, Amy Brown, Mike Bremer	

### 4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Rairigh– Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended with 12 C. Personnel added.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Buckowing
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Motion approved by 7 voice votes – All ayes.

### 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Buckowing– Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Motion approved by 7 voice votes – All ayes.

### 6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

### 7. COUNTY REPORT:

<b>Commissioner Catherine Getty:</b>	Last Monday, Barry County Commissioners met via Zoom. Ben Geiger was named Chair, Vivian Conner was named Vice Chair. By laws were adopted and commissioners were appointed to committees. Getty will serve on Broadband Expansion, Mental Health, Grievance Board, Middleville LDFA, TAPRC, and West Michigan Regional Planning Alliance.
<b>Board Response:</b>	No questions or comments.

### 8. RESERVED TIME:

### 9. CLERK'S REPORT: None.

**10. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Included in Consent Agenda

**11. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** Included in Consent Agenda.

**12. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:**

- A. Re-approval of updated HVAC system for the TTES building \$12,874.00. This was quoted last Spring, then COVID hit and it was delayed. The HVAC system seemed to be running alright, but then on Christmas Eve it malfunctioned again. The spring quote has expired, and the work was never completed so this is now being addressed again. Buckowing requested a change in the previous approval from an expense shared between 206 and 303 that it be accounted under general ledger 403, capital outlay. Buckowing stated this would help with budgeting maintenance. Eaton agreed this would be more appropriate. Rairigh asked how soon would Trane be contacted, and the work performed? Eaton stated he would schedule it as soon as possible.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Buckowing– Motion to re-approve quote for \$12,874.00.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Willshire
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Motion approved by roll call.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Buckowing:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Selleck:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	Rairigh:	Yes		

- B. Summary: Included in the Consent Agenda is a summary for the month. A year end summary is currently being worked on and hopes to be presented to the board soon. Eaton stated there were mainly three unusually slow months being April, July, and December which resulted in 41 less calls than last year.
- C. Personnel: Eaton asked for the board’s approval to hire Evan Sidebotham as an EMT basic to work about 1 shift per week. Evan is a TK graduate and a pre-med student at GVSU. We are still awaiting his health screening.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Rairigh– Motion to approve the hiring of Evan Sidebotham as an EMT basic to TTES.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Willshire
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Motion approved by 7 voice votes. All ayes.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Broadband/internet Update
- B. Ordinance Update

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Committee Assignments – Schaefer asked if the board had reviewed the included spreadsheet of committee assignments included in the packet? Did anyone have questions or would like to change assignments? Board replied they were alright with assignments.
- B. Agenda item request form – Schaefer introduced document and asked the board to use it to submit information prior to the agenda packet being created.
- C. Zoom meeting for February 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting – Rairigh stated that she doesn’t have good service at her home but would be willing to use the internet connection at the township office. Campbell asked about the future and the requirement to meet remotely. Buckowing stated that due to the state guidelines we have to meet remotely. Schaefer stated they would wait to see what the governor said on January 15. Buckowing suggested each department could email budget ideas to Schaefer and that would get the ball rolling.
- D. Motion to adopt resolution 01-2021 – Much appreciation offered to Catherine Getty for service to Thornapple Township and the surrounding area for her dedicated work through TAPRC. Schaefer invited former supervisor Bremer to read the resolution.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	DeMaagd- Motion to approve Resolution 01-2021
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Resolution 01-2021 adopted by roll call.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Buckowing:	Yes	Schaefer:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Selleck:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	Rairigh:	Yes		

**15. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Administration (Schaefer, Buckowing, Willshire) On January 14, they will meet to discuss the budget.
- B. Cemetery (Willshire, DeMaagd, Rairigh)
- C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer) Nicole Lyke accepted a new position so they are looking to hire a new person.
- D. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Selleck)

**E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh)**

**F. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, DeMaagd)** Buckowing said we keep paying the bills.

**G. Parks and Recreation Report (Schaefer)**

**H. Personnel – Compensation (Willshire, Campbell, Selleck)**

**I. Property and Public Utilities (Schaefer, DeMaagd, Campbell)** Campbell stated that a few people from the Duncan Lake Sewer Authority reached out to those involved with the feasibility study at Progressive AE to give them some direction and information on a three-phase power system and other technical ability.

**J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Selleck)** Campbell said Barry County Road Commission usually has a January meeting but he hadn't heard anything yet.

**16. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Bremer will submit the TAPRC January 7 meeting minutes soon.

**18. POLL OF MEMBERS:**

**Kim Selleck (Trustee)** – Thank you to Catherine Getty for her work.

**Sandy Rairigh (Trustee)** – Good job Eric! But please remember Linda Parker in your thoughts and prayers.

**Ross DeMaagd (Trustee)** – We could meet in person anyway as he feels MTA's opinion is merely a suggestion.

**Curt Campbell (Trustee)** – Thanks to Catherine and welcome 2021!

**Deb Buckowing (Treasurer)** – Good job Eric!

**Cindy Willshire (Clerk)** – Congratulations on first meeting. Did a good job.

**Eric Schaefer (Supervisor)** – Hope 2021 is a better year for all of us. Congrats to Catherine.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TIME: 7:45 P.M.**

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Buckowing– Move to adjourn.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Motion approved by 7 voice votes. All ayes.

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Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved \_\_\_\_\_/2021\_\_