

TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

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

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REGULAR MEETING January 13, 2025

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL:	Bouchard: Campbell: DeMaagd: Ordway:	Present Present Present Present	Rairigh: Schaefer: Stanton:	Present Present Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Commissioner Getty, Shelby England, Jason Presler, Eric Zuzga, Kylie Ordway, Corey Harrison, Sonja Harrison, Curt DeKam, Mike Powell, Norene Powell, and Ashley England.			

4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Rairigh
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Stanton
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays.

ROLL CALL:	Bouchard: Campbell: DeMaagd: Ordway:	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Rairigh: Schaefer: Stanton:	Yes Yes Yes
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6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: Eric Zuzga, the new County Administrator, introduced himself, gave update on activity in the Administrator's office.

7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioners Catherine Getty	Commissioner Getty noted new members on the board. Shared five year recreation plan to be passed on January 14.
Board Response:	Getty was thanked for her report.

8. RESERVED TIME: - None

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Chief Richardson reported there were only 14 runs since the last meeting of which, three were structure fires with an average of thirteen and a half people per call. There were two medical assists with medical assists having an average of six people per run, and three motor vehicle accidents averaging ten people per run. The overall average response of people was 8.7 per run. The yearly CPR and first aid schedules are being created and the annual report is in progress. Schaefer noted that he received a call praising Patrick and Joe for their service.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Retirement Contribution: will be reviewed in the future.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request Hire: A full-time EMS employee position opened. Richardson would like to offer the full-time position to Shelby England.

MOTION STATED:	Motion by Rairigh - To approve a full-time promotion for Shelby England.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Support by DeMaagd
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

B. Earned Sick Time: Ordway reported that with the new Earned Sick Time Act integration is needed between our current leave bank policies and what is needed in accordance with the Act. Acrisure, LLC will provide a review of our current policies so the Township will be in compliance with the new Act. It was noted that the situation is fluid and there will be changes to the Act in the future.

MOTION STATED:	Schaefer – Motion to approve entering into an agreement with Acrisure LLC to review our current sick time, vacation time, and personal time policies in order to align them with the new Earned Sick Time Act recently passed by the State of Michigan which goes into effect February 25 for an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Support by Bouchard
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by roll call vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

B. Cemetery (Ordway, DeMaagd, Rairigh): None

C. Middleville DDA Report (Schaefer): In preliminary planning for this year's Riverbank Music Series. The DDA is currently focusing on both attracting businesses and event planning.

D. Elections (Ordway, Bouchard, Schaefer): None

E. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Schaefer, Rairigh): None

F. Finance (Bouchard, Ordway, Rairigh) None

G. Parks and Recreation Representative (Schaefer): Township will be asked to participate in the five-year recreation plan.

H. Personnel and Compensation (Ordway, Campbell, Schaefer): Will have recommendations ready by the next budget meeting.

I. Property and Public Utilities (Stanton, DeMaagd, Campbell): None

J. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Stanton): None

K. Duncan Lake Sewer (Campbell, Stanton, Schaefer): Eric got his operators license by passing the State exam.

13. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

14. POLL OF MEMBERS:

David Stanton (Trustee) – Congratulated Shelby.

Sandy Rairigh (Trustee) – Congratulated Shelby. Reminded group of upcoming budget meeting.

Ross DeMaagd (Trustee) – Would like discussion regarding merging ambulance and fire at the budget meeting.

Curt Campbell (Trustee) – None

Laura Bouchard (Treasurer) – None

Cindy Ordway (Clerk) – None

Eric Schaefer (Supervisor) – Congratulated Shelby and expressed sympathy to Chief Richardson regarding the loss of his father.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to adjourn.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Schaefer
MOTION STATUS:	Approved by voice vote. 7 yes votes.



Brenda Hess, Recording Secretary

Approved 2/10 /2025