



**WEESAW TOWNSHIP**  
**New Troy, MI 49119**



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

- **Roll Call by Clerk Green:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein. Members absent: Michelle Tackitt
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** None
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Deputy Sheriff Duthler was present to provide the statistics for Weesaw Township for 3/01-03/31/17 as follows: Complaints: 19; Tickets Issued: 1; Arrests: 1. Township concerns: A sign in Mill Rd. park had been pulled up, with a report to the Sheriff. Jack Dodds waited for someone to show up and finally left a 6:30 p.m., as nobody from the Sheriff's Dept. ever showed up. Deputy Duthler said to contact the Dispatch Center for reporting in the future to assure someone responds.
- **Hearing of Persons Present on Agenda Items:** None.
- **Robert Krauss Enforcement Officer:** Krauss gave a slide presentation of 31 total complaints of the parcels on which he has been working. Positive progress is being made on some of the properties. He mentioned that the complaints are anonymous. Lynn St. residents have several violations present. Sommers queried if there has been anything else on having a police officer presence. Krauss indicated the fees are quite expensive and he wants to focus on code violations for now. He said the Township would need to adopt a Resolution to have a police department presence for the Township.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** Chief Tim Williams reported 1 grass fire, 1 P.I.; 2 meetings. They ordered handheld batteries for the radios. He also reported the Sheriff's grant was successful for the 800 MHz radios, and would require a 20% match. Brittney Williams passed the State Practical Test for new firefighters. Congratulation to Brittney. Justin Milliken has not been attending the classes. He can retake it next year, if working. The American Flags were installed in New Troy and Glendora. The Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the American Legion will be Sunday, May 28, at 2:00 p.m.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Wed., 4/19/17, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of 04/26/17 and 05/08/2017, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** Hop Head Farms Bureau (05/09/17). DEQ will monitor this issue for any adverse issues which may arise; Special Assessment Bonds Revised Principal Repayment Schedule – handed out to board members. Green will contact Paul Bristol/USDA regarding the amounts due in the future.
- **Approve Accounts Payable Monthly Expenditures Report:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the expenditures as presented as follows: General Fund \$15,118.32; Fire Dept. \$3,284.11; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Sewer \$6,677.28; Other – Lynn St. Water Assessment Prepayment \$15,000.00, for a Grand Total of \$42,290.98. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green – Tackitt absent), motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt had provided the bank balances.
- **Bldg./Zoning Administrator/Enforcement:** Bob Kaufman provided written zoning report.

- **Planning Commission Minutes:** March 27, 2017, Minutes were provided for review.
- **Parks/Recreation & Cemetery Committees:** The Cemetery rules sign at the New Troy Cemetery was moved to another section by American Legion representatives, to better accommodate the Memorial Day Parade activities. Four trees were removed at the Glendora Cemetery. Survey of the 28-acre parcel of land located on Wee-Chik Rd. which was purchased as Township cemetery land, trails, and other Township amenities will be forthcoming.
  - **Accept Plan to Receive \$800 Restricted Donation for Weesaw Park Bench:** The bench is installed in the Bell Project's area and is to be engraved with the name of the donor's choosing. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to accept the \$800 restricted donation to be used towards another Weesaw Park project in the future. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Road Committee Meeting:** Minutes were provided. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve letter of appreciation to be sent to former B.C.R.C. Managing Director Louis Csokasy, as written by Jack Dodds. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Website Committee:** Mike Metz reported that historical pictures will be posted on the website.
- **Drains Committee:** Relative to the 3 drains mentioned last month: Regarding drains on Pardee Road and Glendora Rd. (Mike Heidinger's property) water is receding, a new tile has been installed almost to the road at Heidinger's; Wagner Rd., E. side of Cleveland the tile was plugged. Nothing more has been heard. Sommers will follow-up.

**New Business:**

- **Approve Election Equipment Options:** Green reported that the State of MI is supplying the new election tabulator, tablet and printer free of charge. However, there are additional equipment that is required for which we must pay. Motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to approve the following additional election equipment for future elections: Dominion Thermal Paper Roll (3 rolls @ \$3.50 each), Tabulator bag (\$49.00); Adjustable Height Folding Precinct Table (\$70.00); ICX Case (\$380); ICX Shield (\$450) for a total of \$529.50 additional. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried. In addition, an additional ballot bag is needed, motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to purchase the ballot bag made in the U.S.A. at a cost of \$159.00. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Sommers, Warmbein, Green), motion carried.
- **Approve Resolution #2017-18:** Resolution of Application to MI SOS for a Grant for a new Voting System for Weesaw Township. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to adopt Resolution 2017-18. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green [Tackitt Absent]), motion carried.
- **Review "Independent Contractor Agreement":** Sample document provided. Tabled until next month's meeting for board members to review and make changes, if necessary.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Atty. Sara Bell:** Atty Bell contacted Green via telephone prior to the meeting. A confidential write-up of the call was provided to the Township Board members for review.
- **Public Comments:** Metz commented about other miscellaneous ordinances and digitizing the ordinances.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green  
Clerk