



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:01 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers. Michelle Tackitt.
- **BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT REP:** Representative not present. Stats had been faxed to the office, with the following activity in Weesaw: Complaints: 25; Tickets: 0; Arrests: 1.
- **OPEN SEALED SNOWPLOWING BIDS:** Green indicated that we did not receive any bids. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to run the ads again in the Harbor Country News and The Herald Palladium and schedule a meeting for 12/7/15 to open the bids. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, McKamey, Jones, Sommers, Green), motion carried. Green asked if we could also call snowplowing contractors in the area and was given an affirmative response.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt, to set the agenda items as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Sommers requested a change to the minutes of 11/12/15, changing the paragraph under Fire Dept. Meeting Room Update, second sentence to read "This includes a sink @ \$139; faucets @ \$149; microwave 2/vent @ \$175; 4x8' white board @ \$359, and in meeting of November 17, Tackitt indicated that the first motion to adjourn, 2nd paragraph under Chairperson Motion be changed to 11:07 a.m. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to approve the minutes of 11/12, and 11/17 and 11/21 with corrections as indicated. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:** Burnham & Flower Insurance Group Policy for 2016. Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to have McKamey, as the Township's legal agent, to sign the insurance forms to be returned to B&F by Green. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
 - BC Emergency Management Regional Townhall Workshop 12/10/15 – Fire Chief Tim Williams will try to send somebody from the Fire Dept. to this workshop (Pipeline Emergency Preparedness)
 - Janna Riley presented a letter relating to the recycling program. She will resign as of 11/27/15. She has indicated that Jill Adams/B.C. Parks & Recreation Dept. contract has been negotiated and in the process of being approved. Jack Dodds indicated he would post the recycling program needing volunteers on the website, and thanking Janna for her past efforts.
- **VICTOR PALULIS' REQUEST TO SPEAK:** Mr. Palulis spoke relating to his letter of 10/21/15 to the Harbor Country News. He spoke of the 5-year roads' plan and expressed concern relating to vehicles being damaged due to the poor condition of the roads. He mentioned and produced a large photo of a bad spot in front of his home on Pardee Road. He also addressed Lynn Street's condition with a photo displayed. Another area of concern was the audit and the CD's in the bank

with low interest being paid out. He suggested something be done immediately with his road. Board members responded with the actions that BCRC Louis Csokasy had made with providing additional road repairs, and also the road millage funds being used to repair the roads. Several other residents spoke as to the poor condition of the roads and the need for additional monies needing to be used for the roads. Sommers advised that 12 miles of roads have been done this year, and indicated that some of the bad sections of road are being worked on by BCRC at Csokasy's expense. A reminder that the Township Board is trying, but it just takes patience. There will be money coming out of Lansing in the future. Sommers requested that the Palulis' come to the next Road Committee Meeting on Tues., December 1st.

- **APPROVE EXPENDITURES:** Jones and Sommers reviewed the payables earlier in the day and finding no changes to be made, motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to approve the expenditures as follows: General Fund \$11,426.48; Fire Dept. \$6,097.43; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Other: Road Millage Funds: \$56,900.00 Sewer \$807.08, for a Grand Total of \$77,442.26. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - **Treasurer:** Tackitt provided bank balances. The winter tax season is upcoming. The tax bills will be mailed December 1. She also reported that the shredding company was here to shred all the old documents which have exceeded their retention periods.
 - Tackitt also requested that the Board approve the extension of payment of winter property tax deadline to February 28, 2016, without penalty. Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to approve extending the tax deadline to February 28, 2016, without penalty per Tackitt's request. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
 - **Fire Dept.:** Fire Chief Williams reported 7 calls: 1 car fire, 2 car accidents, 2 control burns, 1 mutual aid to Buchanan, and 1 grass fire.
 - The meeting room renovation is moving along. Sommers reported an additional \$825 ~~\$725~~ is needed to complete the project, including the bathroom. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to approve \$825 ~~\$725~~, which is not a part of the \$16,500 previously board-approved for the project. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Jones, Tackitt, Green, Sommers), motion carried. The electric bid that was received was too high, so the Safety Committee will talk with another electrical contractor to see if we can get a lower bid. Thus, it will be left as is, until another contractor is contacted. Sommers stated that if we cannot get a lower bid this budget year, it will have to wait until next year's budget for electrical completion.
 - As to the Association dinner in December, McKamey had 4 letters from other Fire entities, which she presented to Sommers, regarding their handling of this issue. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to reimburse the Fire Dept. \$200 for meat and beverages out of the Fire Dept. millage money. Roll call vote, 2 ayes (McKamey, Sommers), 3 nays (Tackitt, Jones, Green), motion failed. There had been conversation and concerns as to the legality of this action prior to the vote. Fire Chief Tim Williams had already set up a potluck dinner for the Association meeting.
 - **Enforcement Officer:** Robert Krauss was not present. Report provided.
 - **Building, Zoning, & Enforcement Reports** – Written report provided by Bob Kaufman.
 - **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes provided.
 - **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** Nothing
 - **Road Committee:** Meeting cancelled.
Sommers spoke as to road issues. He mentioned that sections of roads are being worked on, spot patching on a number of roads by B.C.R.C. Several people praised Csokasy and the work performed on Elm Valley Rd. and other areas.
 - **Website Committee:** Mike Metz said a meeting is planned for next Tuesday.
 - **Drains Committee:** Sommers reported that Vern Moore didn't return his call.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Township Office Closings:** Motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to close the Township Office as follows: Thanksgiving: 11/14-11/27; Christmas/New Year's: 12-22-12/25 and 12/30/15-01/01/2016. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Janet Nekvasil Resignation:** Sadly Janet has submitted her resignation as receptionist. There was discussion as to her being a remarkable, hard worker and asset to the township and will be sorely missed. At the suggestion of Jones and other board members, Green will purchase a thank you card to send to her to express our appreciation to her. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to run an ad for a receptionist at the same time as the snowplowing ad. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Attorney Bell Update:** Attorney Bell called with updates to the issues pending with the Township. These updates were presented by Green to the Board in written form.
- **Lights in Park & Surveillance Equipment Report Update by Jim Pastryk:** Pastryk gave a brief report on the lights and surveillance grant request. The bid has changed upward slightly.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- **ADJOURN:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Wanda Green
Clerk