



Weesaw Township  
**New Troy, MI 49119**



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**Roll Call by Clerk Green:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein.  
Members Absent: Michelle Tackitt

**Berrien County Sheriff Dept.:** No representative present. Report provided by Office of the Sheriff: for the period 12/01/1022 activity within the Township only: 20 complaints, 0 tickets issued, 0 arrests.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Robert Krauss Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report.** Krauss made contact with Sommers and notified him that he would be meeting with Attorney Sara Senica for her to sign off tickets he had written.
- **Approve Monthly Expenditures:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the accounts payables in the following amounts: General Fund \$52,431.18 (which amount included \$42,574.83 for fiscal year 2022-23 drains); Fire Dept. \$4,448.09; Ambulance \$2,563.00; Sewer \$250.00, for a grand total of \$59,582.27. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **Broadband Internet Update:** Mr. James Pelletier reports: that he was unable to attend this month due to a family emergency. Further he reports, "BCBIT is in talks with both Comcast and MEC to build out unserved residential areas of the county. Those proposals are due by the end of the week and a meeting on Tuesday to discuss proposals." Also, he is planning to log into the virtual meeting so get more details and see how it will impact Weesaw Township, and see what our next steps should be if we're not included in the plans.
- **Fire Department Report:** provided by Chief Nitz. Safety meeting, truck checks, water/ice rescue. The former ambulance was sold and Green entered the funds received for it back into the Ambulance Cost Center. Chief Nitz reported that he had to purchase and replace 3 new batteries in one of the trucks. He also reported that he is temporarily on light duty, Firefighter Jeff Starbuck presented \$5,000 grant check for grant he had written and has secured from Semco Gas. Former firefighter Dakota Conway is back in the area and is willing to return to the Fire Dept. He will need to be signed up for Firefighter I and II in the upcoming September classes. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to rehire Dakota pending a background check. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Sommers read minutes of a February 10, 2023, Special Board Meeting, which he, King, and Warmbein attended. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022, and Special Board meetings minutes of January 26 and February 10, 2023 as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**Other Township Reports/Past Month's Activity**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt not present at meeting.

- **Parks Committee Update:** Sommers gave the report in that the park grant has been approved in the amount of \$181,000, with our matching funds part of \$24,000. The park committee desires to provide a pavilion and a sports court, with Abonmarche being the engineering firm of choice.
- **Planning Commission:** Minutes provided.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Sommers indicated that the insurance company adjuster is reviewing the claim. He has 5-7 days promise to see what and if they will pay for the claim in the cemeteries.
- **Road Report:** The Berrien County Road Dept. would like to have a motion to switch one mile of Wee-Chik Rd. to Pardee Rd. (Browntown to Kruger Rd.). Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to switch the repairs of the two roads to Pardee for a complete rebuild. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Green, Sommers), motion carried.
- **Other Road Dept Info.:** Recommendation to rebuild Wee-Chik;'s bridges at a cost of \$307,000 for one or \$614,000 (box culvert), for both bridges – the cost to township is -0- (zero. Zilch, nada). A meeting is scheduled next week with the Road Dept. Cost to rebuild Wee-Chik \$117,000 chip and seal.
- **Drains Committee:** No report.
- **Website Committee:**

**New Business:**

**Adopt GRSD Resolution and Proposed Ordinance:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Green to table the Resolution and Ordinance we were asked to adopt, due to our not having the rules which were mentioned in the Resolution. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Gary will call GRSD to get rules from them tomorrow, as Green indicated that we do not have a copy of the rules as is indicated in the document.

**Approve Board Meetings/Planning Commission Meetings:** It was indicated that the August board meeting schedule should be changed due to a conflict with the Berrien County Youth Fair. The Planning Commission schedule is determined by the Planning Commission, which will undoubtedly take place at the next meeting.

**Approve PC Consultants Contract:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve Option 1, Basic Service Agreement in the amount of \$4,350, for 30 hours – we do have a little time left from last year's contract, which will carry over. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Sommers, King, Green), motion carried.

**Special Budget Meeting Scheduled:** Budget Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No report.
- **Public Comments:** Fire Chief Ted Nitz indicated that he has \$15,000 in grant funds for next year.
- Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green  
Clerk