



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 18, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:00 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN**: Members Present: Wanda Green, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt. Members Absent: Jack Jones
- **BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT REP**: Sheriff's representative not present. Stats faxed to Township for period of 1/1/15-1/31/15: 18 complaints, 4 tickets issued, 2 arrests.
- **HONOR FIREFIGHTER LARRY FULLER FOR 36+ YEARS' SERVICE TO THE WEESAW TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.**: The Board Meeting was discontinued for a brief period to thank and express appreciation to Larry Fuller for his excellent service to the Fire Dept. Refreshments were provided, contributions and a homemade blanket by township employees and a Certificate of Appreciation (all provided from employees' personal funds, not Township funds).
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS**: Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**: No comments.
- **OPEN LAWNMOWING BIDS**: 4 bids received: 1) Caretaker Landscaping ; 2) Lawnscape Services; 3) Yard Barbers; 4) RNG Professional. Green will compile a spreadsheet of the bids in order to compare the pricing of the four companies. The Township Board will make a decision at a Special Meeting Budget Workshop to be scheduled.
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES**: Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 02/25/15 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of 03/05/15 and 03/11/15 as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD**:
Benton Charter Twp sent a letter re. a Bldg. Dept Library they are putting together for building departments in the County who want to go in on the project. They are asking for an approximate \$1,000.00+/- contribution for townships that wish to go in on this library. Since we use the State Building Inspector for our building inspections, we will contact Dave Rigozzi and Bob Kaufman to see if this is something we want to do at this time.
- **APPROVE EXPENDITURES**: Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to approve the expenditures as presented in the following amounts: General Fund \$\$43,632.80; Fire Dept. 2,981.08; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Lynn St. Note Pmt. \$1,080.74; Sewer \$30,480.45 for a Grand Total of \$80,380.45. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**:
 - **Treasurer**: Tackitt reported that the winter tax season is winding down, and that she will settle with the County tomorrow. McKamey needs the CD figures from Tackitt on the 24th for the budget.

- **Fire Dept.:** Fire Chief Tim Williams gave a verbal report: 1 call last month – mutual aid. McKamey and Sommers will meet with Tim on Sun to go over some Budget figures. Chief Williams reported that Truck 2220 has gauge problems. He will have it repaired if under \$300.
- **Building, Zoning & Enforcement Reports:** Report provided by B/Z Administrator, Bob Kaufman.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes provided. Chair Mike Metz indicated that the P.C. is finishing up the 5-year Master Plan revision.
- **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** Cancelled meeting.
- **Road Committee:** Minutes provided. Sommers provided an overview of the minutes and gave information of the meeting scheduled with BCRC Managing Director Louis Csokasy scheduled for TH, 4/16/15, 7:00 p.m., at FONT, relating to the 5/5/15 ballot proposal.
- **Website Committee:** Nothing new. Meeting the end of the month, per Mike Metz.
- **Drains Committee:** No meeting or information at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Annual Meeting Notice:** To be held on Sat., 3/28/15, 1:00 p.m.
- **Statewide Special Election 5/5/15:** Approve purchase of food for Election Inspectors. Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt, to approve up to \$75 for food and beverages. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, McKamey, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
 - Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to approve the following ladies as election inspectors: Ruth Heidinger (Chair), Janet Nekvasil, Lori Pastryk, Skylar Cooper, Elizabeth Palulis, Jeannine Krieger (alternates in the event of illness or emergency: Ruby Schaffer or Wanda Green).
 - Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt, to have an analog fax line installed by Frontier for the election, up to \$200. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, McKamey, Green, Tackitt), motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on Managing Director Louis Csokasy's April 16 Educational Meeting relating to 05/05/15 Proposal 15-1:** Sommers explained that the Community Center would be rented for the meeting. Dave Pagel will be present. There will be an attempt to get it in the paper's "Community Notes". Sommers will call Mr. Johnson on Thursday or Friday. The meeting is scheduled for 4/16/15, 7:00 p.m.
- **Lift Station Update & Final Billing:** Sommers called Gasvoda regarding their invoice, and after explanation to them, he was able to get the bill reduced by \$642 to \$1217.60. Green to place maintenance contracts for both lift stations on the April Agenda.
- **Attorney Sara Bell Update:** A written update regarding issues facing the Township was provided. Regarding the "Mystery Land" questions, motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to have Attorney Sara Bell go forward with the Quiet Title deed at a cost to the Township of from \$1500 to \$2500. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried. An invoice was received March 18, for Sara Bell's legal services. Motion by Green, supported by McKamey, to pay the invoice prior to the end (March 31, 2015), of this fiscal year in the amount of \$1,480.00. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Tackitt, McKamey, Sommers), motion carried.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Several comments from the audience. Special Board/Budget Meeting scheduled: TU, 3/24/15, 6:00 p.m.
- **ADJOURN:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Green, Clerk