



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

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
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present. Report received via facsimile for the period of 02/01-02/29/2020 with the following Weesaw results: 22 complaints, 0 tickets, 0 arrests.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to accept the Agenda as is. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** No public comments.
- **Accounts Payables:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the Accounts Payable Report in the following amounts: General Fund \$3,523.82, Fire Dept. \$2,493.94, Ambulance \$2,345.92, Phase II Sewer Note Payment \$26,674.37, Sewer \$4,006.97, for a Grand Total of \$38,045.97. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Warmbein, Sommers, Green [Tackitt absent]).
- In addition to the above payables, motion by King, supported by Warmbein to approve salaries for the Township Board members and Assessor in the following amount: \$4,541.92. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried.
- **Tree Marketing Program Update:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to again table this item until a later date. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Not present. No enforcement due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Fire Dept Report:** Verbal report provided by Fire Chief Ted Nitz. Meetings cancelled to pandemic. Truck checks performed. 5 calls grass and illegal burns. No trainings. Nitz requested tabling the Schultz Custom Builders office bid until a later date. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers to approve up to \$6,900 for the following items: 1) Gear replacement \$5000 (2 sets); 2) Boot replacement @ \$1200 (4 sets) 10 yr. required replacement; 3) Sniffer Repair \$450 – calibration & repair; 4) Bottle testing \$250 (9 bottles @ \$25, hydro testing 5-yr requirement. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Green, Sommers, King), motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 18 (already approved at April 1, meeting due to Granor Farms request for liquor license); approve Special Board Meetings minutes of March 24 and April 1, 2020, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried
- **Correspondence:** Coronavirus updates provided to board members.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** No bank balances provided. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to table all committee reports where no action was required. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **B/Z Administrator Bob Kaufman Report:** Written report provided.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** No Planning Commission meeting minutes.
- **Parks/Recreation:** Sommers spoke regarding 3 trees that are in the way of the recently-installed tiles in the Weesaw Park, and need to be removed to prevent root damage to the tiles. Sommers' indicated that his helper will take the wood and provide voluntary work on removing the trees on upcoming week-ends. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, that we approve the removal of the 3 pine trees south of the south tile line as indicated by Sommers. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Cemetery:** Sommers explained that Al Schaeffer would like the tree stump removed in the New Troy Cemetery from the tree that fell a while back. It was suggested that Mr. Schaeffer help pay for the removal of the stump, since he has brought up this issue several times in the past.
- **Road Committee:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, that both the Road and Website Committees be tabled. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Website Committee:** Tabled with above.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers reported that he spoke with Drain Commissioner Quattrin and there is no rush on the Sober Decker Drain at this time. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, that this item be tabled. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Approve Purchase of American Flags for upcoming Holidays Display:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Green, to purchase 25 American Flags for display on the telephone poles. He w Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Warmbein, King, Green), motion carried.
- **Approve FEMA Funds for Township:** Warmbein indicated that the Fire Dept. should save receipts for equipment that is applicable to FEMA Funds. We should be a part of this program. He also indicated that we should send an email and notify EOC website that we have forwarded an application. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the process to apply for FEMA funds for the township. We should also see if there is anything due from the State too. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No input.
- **Review/Update Zoning Fees tabled last month:** Table again.
- **Public Comments:** Nitz indicated that he saved \$500/each on gear, and \$200/pair on the boots.

Adjournment: Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk