



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein.
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Berrien County Deputy Preston Huddleston was present and provided the township statistics for the time frame of 7/01 - 07-31/2019: 24 complaints, 4 tickets issued, 0 arrests.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Sommers requested to add dump passes under New Business. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to accept the Agenda as revised. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Not present
- **Fire Dept. Report and actions:** 3 meeting, 1 safety meeting, 1 truck check, Training: 1 Ag emergency meeting. 8 calls. No word has been received regarding the Fire Dept. grant, should hear by end of Sept. Mr. Stover is no longer working with grants. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve Justin Milliken's return to the Fire Dept. with a probationary period of one year stipulating that he must become certified in that timeframe. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to table appointment of Josh Wisner as Training officer. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Matthew Johnson had already been acknowledged as Fire Dept. rep. at \$10/month stipend taking over for Dale Brueck, who has been the fire dept. rep. in the past.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by Green, to approve pump testing at \$500. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve repairs for 2 pagers at \$150/each (\$300 total) and a radio at \$275, for a total of \$575. Roll call vote all ayes (Sommers, Warmbein, King, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- Halloween Party Date: Nitz indicated that the annual Halloween Party would be held on Saturday, October 26, at 7:00-9:00 p.m. Trick or Treat will be at 5:00-7:00 p.m. In addition, there is also scheduled a Friends of New Troy 5K run on that date which is to be completed by noon.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to accept the resignation of Jay Gonder, who has resigned from the Fire Dept. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- Dale Brueck has regretfully resigned from the Fire Dept. after 54 outstanding years of service to the township Fire Dept. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to accept Dale's resignation with sincere appreciation for his many years of dedicated service. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. An appreciation activity will be planned and expressed at the next board meeting.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Tackitt, supported by Warmbein, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of Wednesday August 14, and Special Meeting minutes of Tu, September 10, 2019, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** None
- **Approve Accounts Payable Monthly Expenditures Report:** Since the payables were reviewed earlier in the day, motion by King, supported by Sommers, to approve the Accts. Payable, as presented: General Fund \$17,527.03; Fire Dept. \$14,215.95; Ambulance \$2,277.59; Other Cost Centers: U.S.D.A. Phase II Sewer Fund \$13,674.37; Lynn St. Water Assessment \$5,613.65; Sewer Fund \$3,888.14, for a total of \$57,196.74. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, King, Warmbein, Tackitt), motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt reported the summer tax collection was completed. She will still collect any past due summer taxes until the end of February.
- **B/Z Administrator Bob Kaufman Report:** No report provided. Kaufman will provide it when he returns from vacation.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes provided.
- **Cemetery Committee:** The lawn mowers mow on Thursday. If we need them to not mow, due to zero growth, we need to contact the mowing company on Mon or Tue and let them know not to mow that week.
- **Parks/Recreation:** Only one-half of the amount requested for the cameras grant was approved. The camera project is going forward and being installed. The poles are being installed by Sommers. King said he is contacting another contractor regarding the park tiling project. No response yet. Discussion of camera's accessibility.
- **Road Committee:** No meeting, no minutes. Sommers provided a response written to the Road Dept., and a written response to a Mill Rd. complaint.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers reported that 4 drains day of review were received. Hickory Creek came off, with 3 remaining.
- **Website Committee:** Jack Dodds and Mike Metz will continue on website committee as before.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Dump Passes:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to raise the budgeted amount to \$1200 from \$750 for dump passes. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Warmbein, Sommers, Green, Tackitt), motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** None.
- **Medic-1 Contract:** Green reported that she called Medic-1 and asked that they let Jack Fisher know that the township board members would like to meet with him to ask questions concerning the Medic-1 Contract.
- **Weesaw Park Port-A-Potty end of season:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to keep the facility in place through October. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** Back to Fire Dept. issues – Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to bring back the tabled Fire Dept. Training Officer issue from previously in the meeting, per a request by Chief Ted Nitz who requested that the board appoint Nick Granke as training officer with a one-year probationary period. This was at the request of the Fire Chief and was his recommendation. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk