



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call: by Clerk Wanda Green: Board Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein; members absent: None

Berrien County Sheriff's Department Representative Report: Report provided by Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Sheriff not in attendance. Weesaw Township Activity Report for 01/01/22-01/31/2022: Complaints 24, Tickets issued 1, Arrests: 0.

Set/Amend Agenda Items: Green asked to have the Board Meeting schedule of FY 2022-23 approved. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the Agenda with the addition of the Board Meetings schedule. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comments: Question regarding status of Clerk's position. That subject is on the agenda later in the meeting and Green will address it at that time.

Approve Accounts Payables Monthly Expenditures Report: Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to approve the payables as presented: General fund \$13,608.17; Fire Dept. \$6,138.14, Ambulance \$2,513.00; Sewer \$3,590.60, Roads Rebuild \$37,658.39, for a Grand Total of \$63,553.30. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Tackitt, Warmbein, King), motion carried.

Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Krauss provided a written and oral report consisting of the zoning/enforcement activity during the past month.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Ted Nitz reported there were 2 items to address on the recent fire dept. audit. He requested boots and training for firefighter – Travis Munday. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to purchase the boots @ \$350 and instructor training @ \$250. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Tackitt, Sommers, King, Green), motion carried.

Request to hire new fireman Caleb Inman, pending background check. Motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, to hire Caleb Inman, pending a background check. Voice, vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Nitz also reported that 2 sets of gear are expiring. He can get part of what is needed at a ½ off sale for \$8,000. Motion by Green, supported by Tackitt, to purchase 4 pants, and 1 coat at the ½ off price sale of \$8000, from this year's budget. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Warmbein, Sommers, King, Green), motion carried. Nitz to provide invoice to Green for payment promptly. Nitz reported that the AFG Grant for radios for our department is \$1800 for 6 radios, 6 mics, with grant money. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to purchase the 6 radios for up to \$1800 from the grant funds from the gas company grant written by Green. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Warmbein, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tackitt reported that the property tax collection is over.

(Inadvertently Skipped Agenda Item)

Approve Previous Meetings Minutes:

Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the following minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 16, 2022, and Special Board Meeting Minutes of WE,

February 23, 2022; TU, March 1, 2022; and TU, March 8, 2022 as provided. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Other Township Reports:

Clerk's Announcement: Clerk Green reported that she had talked with a lady interested in assuming the Clerk's position, and this lady is scheduled to start the training process with Green as her Deputy Clerk next week. She told Prof. Swords that he should tell his mom to provide a résumé if she is interested in the position and if this person did not work out, she would call Sue Swords. He said he would tell her.

Planning Commission: The minutes were not provided. Green will see that they get to the board members.

Cemetery Committee: Sommers reported that Warmbein and Skip Green had cleaning up some of the debris and limbs in the cemeteries and brought the limbs, etc. to his house for future burning. Warmbein indicated that 2 signs in the New Troy Cemetery need replacing. Sommers will request that Jack Dodds get a bid for the signs from Dornbos.

Roads Update: Sommers reported there is break-up on a number of roads, such as Wagner Rd., Carpenter Road, Kaiser Rd.; Larson Road needs grading, Elm Valley needs work also.

Website: Metz reported that the committee is updating the website, by adding the Zoning Application.

Drains: Drain Maintenance notice received for Blue Jay Drain.

Parks Committee: Advertise the park. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to get signs for the park in the amount of \$225.45 for four signs to indicate where the park is located to help in the process of getting the grant from DNR. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Tackitt, Green, Warmbein, Sommers), motion carried. Jack Dodds to order from Dornbos.

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-07 Recreation Passport Grant Program, Resolution of Authorization Weesaw Township Match Without Donated Funds. Motion by Robert Warmbein, supported by Art King, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-07 Resolution of Authorization, Weesaw Township Match without Donated Funds. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

The township has received a number of letters of support from local residents and recently from Berrien County for our Weesaw DNR Application.

New Business: Blacktop Bid: The township received bids from Shembarger for this project. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to table this bid to attempt to get an additional bid.

Schedule of Meetings: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to change the August meeting date to August 24. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Sara Senica: No update.

Public Comments: Resident Nate Swords is willing to volunteer. He provided his phone number, which the Clerk has recorded.

Adjourn: Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk