



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 2022

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: All Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein; Absent: Michelle Tackitt.

Berrien County Sheriff Dept.: No representative present. Report provided by Office of the Sheriff: for the period of 05/01-05/31/22; activity within the Township: 24 Complaints, 3 tickets, 1 arrest.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to set the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Parking Lot and Driveway Update:** Sommers presented information. Robert DeFreez presented his bid of \$19,377 for the prep work. Wendorf Asphalt's bid was \$34,500 for the blacktop. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to specify recycled asphalt (aggregate). Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the project with a total cost of \$53,877 (\$19,377 for prep work, and \$34,500 for blacktop). Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **Approve Monthly Expenditures:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the accounts payables in the following amounts: General Fund \$15,162.28; Fire Dept. \$11,84.86; Ambulance \$2,555.50; Sewer \$3,893.20, for a total of \$32,695.84.
- **Mr. Paul Steven Jancha** who is running unopposed for District Judge spoke briefly regarding his extensive qualifications for the position. It is a 6-year term, non-partisan, office.
- **Public Comments:** Home Owner Evelyn Vines, questioned zoning applications. Residents Mr./Mrs. McLaughlin wondered if they might remove and clean up the fallen, dead trees behind property on township park property. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to give permission to the McLaughlins to clean up the tree. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
Kim Krestin spoke regarding blight and noise from neighbors.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement/Zoning Administrator:** Provided an update regarding several properties, such as temporary hardship revoked, apropos tickets issued (no hearing date as yet). Robert reported that there has been no testing of soil for contamination,

Wolfords requested and was granted an extension until August 1. Other tickets were served and judgment issued.

- Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to approve \$40 monthly stipend for Robert Krauss' personal cell phone use for township business. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, Warmbein, King), motion carried.
- **Accounts Payables Report:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the Accounts Payables expenditures as follows: General Fund \$15,162.28; Fire Dept. \$11,084.88; Ambulance \$2,555.50; Sewer \$3,893.20; for a Grand Total of \$32,695.84. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **James Pelletier, Chair, Broadband Internet Committee:** Mr. Pelletier provided verbal report in that support letters are being received. He is working with Merit, who will provide a free two-year membership; however, after the two-year period, there will be a cost. There is a meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. A survey is being performed. The application is due to Berrien County Bit by the deadline of October 31.
- **Update of Water/Sewer Hook-ups Request by Lowell West:** Sommers tabled this item due to no further information received.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** Verbal report by Fire Chief Nitz. 8 calls (1 grass, 2 P.I. accident, 1 fire alarm, 1 mutual aid (3 Oaks), 2 trash fire, 1 all call; Meetings/Training: Truck checks, preplan driveway sealing, hose-flow/nozzle testing.

8:30 p.m.: Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to extend the meeting to 9:00. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- **Fire Dept (cont'd):** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve purchase of the requested items in the amount of \$31,779.57 (Sunny Communication \$12,600, and Dinges Fire \$19,179.57), as long as grant monies and budget funds are in place and they do not overspend. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Green, King, Warmbein), motion carried.

Approve Previous Minutes: Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the minutes of Wednesday, June, 2022, Regular Board Minutes and Special Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 6, 2022. as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Sommers reported road complaints received.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt provided bank balances.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes provided.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Columbarium information provided by Sommers.
- **Roads Committee:** Sommers reported on Wee-Chik Road and Gardner Road.
- **Website Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Drains Committee:** Nothing.
- **Parks Committee:** Previously in minutes.

New Business:

- **9:00 p.m.:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve extending meeting to 9:15 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

- **Approve SWMPC Bid:** Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to approve \$4,920 for Marcy of SWMPC to write the 5-year Master Plan for the Planning Commission. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Green, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
- **Appoint Corina McLaughlin to Board of Review:** Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to appoint Corina McLaughlin to finish Elizabeth Palulis' term (who is stepping down and whose term would conclude in December 2024). The township board wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Elizabeth for her past service to the township in her various positions throughout the years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No report.
- **Public Comments:** None

Adjournment: Motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk