



**Weesaw Township**  
**New Troy, MI 49119**



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

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, Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein

**A moment of silence/reflection was observed by all present in honor of a former Weesaw Township Clerk, Mrs. Jeannine Krieger (8/31/31–10/13/2023), who admirably and faithfully served as Township Clerk for many years, and recently departed this life. It was noted that Jeannine was deemed very kind and helpful to the Weesaw Township residents.**

**Berrien County Sheriff Dept.:** No representative present. Report provided by Office of the Sheriff for the period 09/01–09/30/23 activity within the Township: 28 complaints, 5 tickets, 0 arrests.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to set the agenda as presented.
- **Reiterate Rules for the Meeting/Public Comments by Supervisor Sommers.**
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons Present on Agenda Items:** Drain information; General Fund expenditure for columbaria questioned by Mike Metz. These will be discussed further during the meeting.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer Report:** 7:06 p.m. Robert had not arrived.
- **AT&T METRO Right-of-Way Permit Extension:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to extend the timeframe for the METRO ROW Permit. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The document was signed by Supervisor Sommers, and Green will forward it as indicated in the document.
- **Burnham & Flower Insurance:** The Board will call a meeting after Thanksgiving to complete the forms and forward to B&F Insurance, as they are requesting.
- **Approve Monthly Expenditures:** Mike Metz questioned the columbaria expenditure being paid from the General Fund rather than the Cemetery Trust Fund. Green (having returned as Clerk after 6 months of retirement) indicated that it had not been indicated to her of this change and will correct the Payables Report indicating these changes, to wit: ***General Fund Expenditures \$49,188.27***; Fire Dept. \$34,564.02; Ambulance \$2,638.65; Sewer Fund \$198.00; ***Other Cost Centers – Cemetery Trust Fund for Columbaria \$28,772.00***; for a total of all Cost Centers of \$115,360.94. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the expenditures with the corrections indicated. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried. (The Cost centers [“General” and “Other Cost Centers”] affected are bolded and italicized.)
- **Broadband Internet Update:** Mr. Pelletier was unable to be at meeting. He provided a written report which was read by Sommers and provided an article from the Herald Palladium indicating that resident can sign up for high-speed broadband access.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Ted Nitz reported 4 calls – 1 grass, 2 PI, Halloween Party; 3 meetings. Other items:
  - ✓ Used pump was installed in fire dept.
  - ✓ Newman Door Sales & Serv. estimate 22083 for new door for Fire Dept. Motion by Tackitt, supported by Sommers, to approve up to \$1130 (as needed) for door as quoted. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Green, Tackitt, Warmbein, King), motion carried.

- ✓ Garage door in tanker bay: \$900. Motion by Tackitt, supported by Warmbein, to approve \$900 for roll-up door for kitchen. The green can be painted. Roll call vote, 4 ayes (Warmbein, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), 1 nay (King), motion carried.
  - ✓ Discuss Trash Pickup: Survey the township residents to see if they are interested in township-wide trash pickup. Tackitt indicated that the assessor informed that there are presently 988 dwellings in Weesaw. That would change over time, due to new homes being built. The township has single can trash pickup presently.
  - ✓ Warmbein to get prices on fireproof safe/file cabinet. Green indicated that township minutes are required to be kept in fireproof storage, and they have been moved to a regular file cabinet.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 18, 2023, Special Board Minutes of Saturday, October, 21, and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  - **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tackitt read her comprehensive banking report and indicated that CD rates are higher with Huntington Bank, the new bank. There is a \$300 one-time fee to set up on-line tax payment; and an individual using the service would also have to pay 3%. The cost per month to the township would be \$105. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to pay the \$300 fee to Huntington Bank. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Green, Tackitt, Sommers), motion carried.
  - **Parks Committee Update:** Sommers reported on the DNR Grant; indicated repairs necessary and graffiti is rampant. The cameras are working in Mill Rd. Park; re. networks we may not have to run wire; proposal to get internet working. Walking paths laid out, will try to roll out the ruts in park; vandalism, someone is living in a tent in the park and the police said that they cannot go inside the tent, and cannot remove someone from property.
  - **Planning Commission:**
  - **Cemetery Committee:** Soil-scope performed, concrete to be poured week after Thanksgiving.
  - **Road Report:** Chloride applied to ground-up roads.
  - **Website Committee:** Mike Metz indicated that he and Jack Dodds are working on getting the website, so that the website is ready and taxes can be paid on line.
  - **Drains Committee:** Evelyn Vines indicated that the Drain Commissioner is trying to get the drain okayed with the engineer Ron Hafton and will be following up on it. They said they were going to run a scope through the drain and has never done so to date.
  - **At 8:43:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to extend the meeting to 9:00 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  - **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer Report:** Robert had hit a deer in coming to the meeting, thus is tardiness. Robert updated on several issues he has been working. He then read his Notice of Resignation effective as of December 31, 2023. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to accept with regret his resignation as of December 31, 2023. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No report.
- **Public Comments:** Mike Metz indicated that Marcie has provided a draft of the 5-Year Plan. The Board will have to eventually adopt it. A number of concern regarding attorney issues, and the vagrant in the park were expressed.

**Adjournment:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wanda Green, Clerk**