



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 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:** Deputy Preston Huddleston was present with the following statistics for the period of 11/01-11/30/2019: 22 complaints, 2 tickets, 3 arrests.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to add the following item: Board members to voice their November election intentions.
- **Public Comments:** Brenda Cook was present and had questions regarding drains and Galien River, to wit, maintenance for Galien River? Holden Rd. Bridge logs blocking river creating erosion? Must farmers get permits to install tile? Is dredging allowable? Did anyone attend the flood mapping meeting last evening? How many drains do we have? Sommers responded to questions as much as possible. **TACKITT ARRIVED: 7:10 p.m.** King responded to tile recorded in NRCS office. Sommers further added that there has been spot cleaning in the Galien River. Sommers will contact the Drain Commissioner regarding some of her concerns. He also indicated that the Drain Commissioner Quattrin will be here on Tuesday, Jan 21, for a 10:00 meeting to present two additional drains' resolutions.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Robert Krauss provided a verbal report. He indicated that there have been break-ins in the Township. Robert provided a ticket to our Attorney Sara Senica, who went to court about it on January 3, and a 30-day judgment was handed down for the ticket. He has not had an opportunity to work on the other complaints, and will also revisit other complaints from the past, where home-owners that begun work on the alleviating the complaints; however, some of the complaint issues have once again begun to go back to their previous negative appearance.
- **Fire Dept Report:** Verbal report provided by Fire Chief Ted Nitz. 1 call, which turned out to be a PI – stolen vehicle; Quarterly safety meeting, truck checks. The air packs were purchased and are working great. Good purchase at a great savings to the Fire Dept. He reported a problem regarding high water in a manhole in the parking lot. Sommers will call the County Road Dept. to report the problem.
- **Other Fire Issues:** Regarding the renovation talked about last month, due to this being a municipal building, Sommers and Warmbein feel that the Fire Dept. should get a bid from Aaron Wheeler to do the renovation of the Fire Dept. office area for next year's budget. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, that a bid be requested from Aaron Wheeler for the renovation along with a drawing to be provided to the Township for approval. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Credit Card Resolution:** Sommers indicated that the township credit card resolution should be updated so that WEX Cards could be authorized for the Fire Dept., and verbiage sent to our attorney for edit and approval.

- **Training:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve two training classes for ice rescue which would be under \$190, with eight firefighters attending. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of Wed., December 18, 2019, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** None
- **Approve Accounts Payable Monthly Expenditures Report:** Since the payables had been reviewed earlier in the day, motion by Warmbein, supported by King, as follows: General Fund \$14,766.70; Fire Dept. \$7,053.98, Ambulance \$2,277.59; Sewer \$3,711.96; for a grand total of \$27,810.23. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Green, Sommers, Warmbein, King), motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bank balances provided. CD's rolled over. Since the Treasurer's and Assessor's computers are older machines having Windows 7, they are in need of being replaced. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to spend up to \$1500 for two computers and software for the Treasurer and Assessor. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Sommers, King, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **B/Z Administrator Bob Kaufman Report:** Report provided.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** No meeting, no minutes. Green will look into purchasing the marijuana webinars.
- **Parks/Recreation:** The surveillance cameras are being installed in Weesaw Township Park Jan. 20 or 21. Green will send off request for reimbursement of grant monies at that time. Metz will provide photos of project.
- **Cemetery:** The clean-up of the cemeteries was discussed at a meeting with the lawnmowers today and the clean-up has been done, and the board voted to extend the contract for two more years at the same prices.
- **Website Committee:** Mike Metz indicated we needed to forward the minutes to Jack Dodds to put onto the website. Green will do so. Jack is also working on the historical background for how Weesaw Township got its name, which he will provide to the township upon completion, to be placed on the website.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers indicated that Christopher Quattrin will be here Tuesday, Jan. 21 to present drain resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **March Board of Review:** Clerk Green had updated the resolutions: 2020-01 Accepting Letters of Protest for March 2020 Board of Review; 2020-02 Resolution to Provide for Alternate Starting Dates . . . ; and 2020-03 Resolution Updating State Required Poverty Level Income Standards Per Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines . . . ; Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Board of Review Resolutions 2020-01, 2020-02, 2020-03 as named above. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Warmbein, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **2020 Township Board Election Intent:** Sommers queried the township board as to each member's intent for the 2020 Election Cycle: Warmbein – yes, he will run again as Trustee; King – no, he will not run; Sommers – yes, he will run again as Supervisor; Tackitt – yes, she will run again as Treasurer; Green – no, she will not run as Clerk, but intends to run for another position, health permitting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** Nothing new, received invoice for payment.

- **Tree Marketing Program:** Warmbein provided MI Forestry Co. handout to review and be signed by Sommers if township is interested.
- **Extend Meeting:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to extend the meeting until finished. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.
- Tackitt left meeting at 8:30 p.m.

- **Public Comments:** None.

Adjournment: Motion by Green, supported by King, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk