



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

- **Roll Call by Treasurer Tackitt:** Members Present: Michelle Tackitt, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein. Members Absent: Wanda Green
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present.
- Supervisor Gary Sommers reiterated rules for the meeting.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:** Not Present
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to accept the agenda, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items:** None.
- **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Warmbein, support by King, to approve the Accounts Payable as presented as follows: General Fund \$53,469.08; Fire Dept. \$15,063.79, Ambulance \$2,513.00; Sewer \$399.00, Road Rebuild \$42,880.50; for a grand total of \$114,325.37. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Sommers, Warmbein, Tackitt), motion carried.
- **Broadband Internet Update:** James Pelletier reported that the ARPA grant application was submitted to the Berrien County Broadband Internet Taskforce. The funds requested for Weesaw Township is \$2 million dollars and with Weesaw Township putting \$10,000 toward the broadband project.
- **Fire Dept:** Meetings/Training: Truck checks, clean hall in preparation for Halloween party, and ladder checks. New hoses and nozzles were also loaded onto the trucks. Calls: 4 calls. 1 grass fire, 1 mutual aid for Medic One, 1 PI accident, and 1 utility line down.
- Chief Nitz wants to sell #2270 (the ambulance). It has been taken out of service due to it having various things that need repaired. Items carried in it previously have been moved to other trucks. Chief Nitz will look into options on how to sell it.
- During pump testing recently the vacuum test on one of the trucks failed because the pump seal packing needed replaced. It has been repaired for the amount of \$600. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers to pay this bill. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Warmbein, Tackitt, King) motion carried.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers to purchase 2 sets of turnout gear in the amount of \$7,000, which was budgeted for. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt) motion carried.
- Discussion on new air pack lease/purchase. Since getting a grant from FEMA to purchase new air packs has been unsuccessful for at least the last 3 years, we are looking for other ways to replace the old air packs. The New Troy Fire Brigade recently purchased 4 used air packs on an internet auction for \$1,500. With this agreement the Fire Department would pay \$114,376 over a 5-year period to purchase 15 new air packs. Motion by Warmbein, support by Tackitt to move forward by filling out the lease/purchase contract for the air tanks. Roll Call Vote, all ayes (King, Sommers, Tackitt, Warmbein) Motion carried. Chief Nitz said he thinks most of this could be paid for by receiving grants in future years.
- Chief Nitz discussed the 12-20-21 Backus Fire Call. An audience member mentioned 2 months ago at the township board meeting that it took the fire department 18 mins to respond to that.

They thought that it took too long to respond. Chief Nitz says the call came in at 2:00 am and it took less than 10 minutes to respond.

- Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to pay Upper Room Carpentry \$546.51 for repairing the gutter by the fire station door. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, King, Warmbein, Sommers) motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Regular Board Minutes of October 21, 2022, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

Other Township Reports:

Treasurer's Report: It's too late to add the insert to the taxes. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein to add the insert to the township website and to be put on the table in the hall. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Bank balances were provided. Winter property taxes are being mailed out December 1st.

Parks Committee Update: Asphalt is done partway at the New Troy Park.

Planning Commission: There are no minutes

8:45 Motion by Sommers, supported King to extend the meeting until 9:30. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

Cemetery Committee: The New Troy cemetery is a mess with limbs on the ground everywhere. The heavy snow recently caused many branches to break. D.J. from Seeder Co. estimates it will cost about \$1000 to clean it up. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein to pay Seeder Co. to clean it up for up to \$2,000, but if more work is needed then to contact supervisor Sommers before moving forward with cleanup. Roll call vote, all ayes, (King, Warmbein, Tackitt, Sommers), motion carried.

Road Committee: Nothing to report.

Website Committee: Nothing to report

Drains Committee: The drains on State Street are being repaired.

9:30 Motion by Sommers, supported by King to extend the meeting until 10:15. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A new light was installed to illuminate the township hall parking lot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Attorney Sara Senica Update:** Nothing received.
- **Snowplowing Bids:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers to Hire Seeder Co. to plow township properties for the 2022-2023 year. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Warmbein, Tackitt)) motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** Sommers reported that the auditor should be ready to do his report on the township audit about December 15th. It was requested by Chief Nitz to put the snowplow bids out earlier, like in September. Santa is Coming to the community center on December 3rd. Chief Nitz wants to pay one firefighter 1 hour a month to clean the training room. Motion by Sommers, supported by King to hire this firefighter for \$14 an hour to do it. Roll Call vote, all ayes. (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein) motion carried. Also mentioned was the equipment left in the parking lot by the Asphalt Co. Sommers will contact them to remove it.

Adjournment: Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Tackitt, township treasurer