



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:04 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers. Members absent: Michelle Tackitt.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Representative, Deputy R. Sullivan, was present. Report was given with the following township stats for the period of 4/1/2016-4/30/16: Complaints: 20; Tickets Issued: 5; Arrests: 0. Dep. Sullivan remarked that there is not as much activity in the park since the lights in Mill Road Park have been installed, and thought the lights may be aimed too high and to see if there are complaints. There were questions and concerns from the audience relative to dogs chasing bikes (Dog owners have to be in control of their pets); there has been excessive speed in Glendora (He suggested that the speed trailer be brought in), noise ordinance comments.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, that the Fire Dept. report be changed to follow the Enforcement Officer report on the agenda. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **SEWER REQUEST:** Mr. Jeff Jackson, son of Mrs. Patricia Balbo, and other people, were present on behalf of Mrs. Balbo, who requires a caregiver, to request that the second sewer assessment on her home (3992 Berrien St.) be discharged by the Township, due to the home presently being a one-family residence. Mr. Jackson and another gentleman explained circumstances relating to this home in the past and presently. McKamey asked to have this issue placed on the July Agenda so it can be revisited next month.
- **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Robert Krauss provided his report to the Board. He also mentioned there is no way for him to get back with complainants who do not sign the complaint forms. Comments were expressed by residents, with McKamey responding.
- **FIRE DEPT REPORT:** Fire Chief Tim Williams reported 1 mutual aid call for Galien Twp., and their regular training and maintenance meetings. There was also a Weesaw Fire Dept. presence for the Three Oaks Flag Day Parade.
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Jones, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of Wed., 05/18/2016, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
 - 05/16/16 American Legion Letter to Board: Bob Warmbein indicated the grave markers that have been discovered in the cemetery storage building for several veterans can be placed at the foot of the graves. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to permit the American Legion volunteers to place the grave markers as indicated by Mr. Warmbein. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- Clymer Drain Notice: Sommers and Jones will attend the Day of Review of Draining District Boundaries & review of Apportionments on 6/21/16.
- Other correspondence did not necessitate a Board action.

▪ **APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:**

Motion by Jones, supported by McKamey, to approve the expenditures as presented: General Fund \$10,691.50; Fire Dept. \$2,533.73; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Sewer \$5,916.43; other (none); for a Grand Total of \$21,352.93. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Green – Tackitt absent), motion carried.

▪ **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Tackitt – had not arrived at this time.
- **Building/ Zoning, Administrator** – Written report provided by Bob Kaufman. .
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** April minutes provided.
- **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** The committee met. Quote received from Wolverine Electric in the amount of \$173.00 to put a 110V plug on the service box in Mill Rd. Park. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to install the plug on the service box at \$173. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, McKamey Sommers, Jones), motion carried.
- **Road Committee:** Minutes provided. Sommers reported that a resident had volunteered to install a tile for a drain on Elm Valley Road. Mr. Csokasy, BCRC, is not in favor of the idea. Traffic counters have been placed at strategic places, BCRC is working on several Weesaw roads, the "Welcome to Weesaw" sign that was hit is being straightened, millage roads have been seal-coated, (TREASURER TACKITT ARRIVED AT 7:56). "No thru trucks" sign will be installed for Log Cabin Rd. This does not apply to farm trucks. Resident Victor Palulis complained about Pardee Rd. in front of his house.
- **Back to Bldg./Zoning Administrator:** A computer purchase for Kaufman was overlooked on the agenda. Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to purchase a computer for Bob Kaufman to meet his needs not to exceed \$1000. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, McKamey, Jones, Green), motion carried.
- **Website Committee:** Jack Dodds and Metz have been working on the website with a view towards replacing Go Daddy with another. One of the URL's will be expiring shortly at a cost of approx. \$20. Motion by Green, supported by Tackitt, to update the URL as recommended. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, McKamey, Jones, Sommers, Jones), motion carried.
- **Drains Report:** No report
- **Treasurer Report:** Tackitt provided the bank balances, and reported that the summer taxes will be mailed out on July 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Bell Update:** Atty. Bell verbally provided confidential information regarding the township issues that are open.
- **Weesaw Township Participation in the Park Bell Fund Project:** Sommers provided written information. Weesaw will provide one bench and 1 information board for the Weesaw Township Park. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers to participate by purchasing one bench and an information board from Belson at a price of \$2022.92. The other bench will be purchased from monies donated to FONT by Mr. Robert Diehl in memory of his late wife, Norma Diehl. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **Mill Rd. Park Project:** The township will purchase a picnic table that is ADA compliant from Belson in the amount of \$1252.40 to replace the table that was vandalized in Mill Road Park, and install it on a cement pad that will be poured by Leroy Rosenthal at a price of approximately \$1000. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve funds for purchasing the picnic table and having the cement pad installed as indicated

previously (approximately \$2,252.40 for both items). Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Sommers, Jones, Green), motion carried.

- **Locate Markers in Glendora Cemetery:** Hope to have a bid by July meeting.
- **Cemeteries Rules Sign Posting:** It was suggested that the cemeteries' rules be posted in the cemeteries with a minor edit on rule #5 to make it read as follows: "Do not place decorations in the area behind the headstone. The space behind the headstone is part of the adjacent gravesite. In any *new cemetery land purchased after 2015*, headstones or memorials shall be flush with the ground." Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve the Cemetery Rules as edited with the change as indicated above. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Question concerning fence ordinance (on the website); Metz explanation of Phase 2 sewer assessments; a portion of road not ground up on Pardee Rd. being looked into.
- **ADJOURN:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk