



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



Special Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16, 2017

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sommers at 11:00 a.m.
- **ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Michelle Tackitt, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein.

Set/Amend Agenda: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to accept the Agenda as presented.

- **1) Approve Cold Patch for Cemeteries' Driveways:** Sommers advised that there are areas in the cemeteries' driveways and Weesaw Park parking area that are in need of patching. He asked to purchase ten 5-gallon containers from Arnt Asphalt Sealing material at a cost not to exceed \$200 to perform the work. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve an amount not to exceed \$200 to purchase the materials. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **2) Send Park Survey with Winter Tax Bill:** The Parks Committee members are working on a new Parks Plan for the parks, as the Plan has expired. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to send out the parks survey in the tax bills, with an edit to request that responders ask their immediate family of their park concerns or ideas also. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **3) Approve Name of New Park Trail:** It has been suggested that the new trail in the Weesaw Park be named Terrill's Trail after Hosea Terrill, who was very active in Weesaw Township in the distant past, and actually owned the "Center of the World" grocery store in its beginning. He also was a Postmaster at one time. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to approve Tirrell's Trail as the name of the new trail in Weesaw Township Park. It is located west of the football field. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **4) Cemetery Concern:** It has come to the attention of the Township Board that Duane Lick is buried in the wrong cemetery lot in the Glendora Cemetery. His lot should have been 167A, instead of 166A, and his family has requested that there be a disinterment/reinterment to rectify the problem. Starks Funeral Home is handling the correction of the issue. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, that Weesaw Township pay for half of the move of Duane Lick's vault to the correct lot at a cost of \$360 to the Township and the family to pay the remaining \$360. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, Green, Warmbein, King), motion carried.
- **5) Mileage Reimbursement Policy:** Several months ago Township Board members spoke with Atty. Sara Senica about composing a mileage reimbursement policy, which would be apropos for Fire Dept. personnel who would be required to attend Firefighter 1 and 2 after employment. She provided verbiage and the board discussed the matter up at the September 20, 2017, Regular Board Meeting. A motion failed due to several board members wanting to run it by the Fire Chief prior to adoption. The Fire Chief Tim Williams was contacted by Safety Committee member Warmbein the next day, September 21, 2017, requesting that he meet with the Safety Committee to discuss the proposed mileage reimbursement policy. Fire Chief Williams did not respond to the request. It was felt that almost 4 weeks was adequate time for Williams to respond to Warmbein's request for a meeting regarding this matter. There was considerable discussion by the Board members concerning this issue. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to adopt Policy No.

2017-05 – Weesaw Township Fire Dept. Mileage Reimbursement Policy. Roll call vote (4 ayes: Green, Sommers, Tackitt, King; 1 nay: Warmbein), motion carried.

- **6) Fire Dept. Roofing Issues:** At the recommendation of Mr. Ambrose/Merritt Engineering, Sommers contacted Brooks Architectural to set up a meeting. The meeting was cancelled due to his heavy workload. It had been suggested in the past that the township needs to have 20 holes in the roof to correct the venting problems. After discussion, King reported that he knew a person who will look into the problem and give us a price for rectifying the problem. King felt that the person would not charge the township for the troubleshooting.
- **7) Fire Dept. Facebook:** A copy of the Fire Dept. Facebook page was presented by Sommers to the Board members. There was a negative and false main posting, with negative comments posted directed toward the Township Board. Sommers and Warmbein met with the Fire Dept. on Thurs., October 12, and when questioned who put this inaccurate posting on the “Weesaw Township Fire & Rescue” Facebook page, he was told by both Fire Chief Williams and Assistant Chief DeRossi that they did not know who posted the false, adverse posting on Facebook, and DeRossi stated that he would try to remove it.
- **8) Corrective Letter in Response to Fire Dept.’s Facebook Posting:** A letter was created by Sommers and edited by Jack Dodds relating to the Weesaw Township Facebook erroneous posting with corrections made. After reading the letter, motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to display the Township Board rebuttal letter. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. It will be displayed in various places in the Township, Township Hall, Post Office and Community Center as well as if board members are contacted by residents who have read the Fire Dept. Facebook posting and have questions or comments about it.
- **Public Comments:** Website committee members, Jack Dodds and Mike Metz, will edit and provide to the Township Board for adoption a Social Media Policy which will cover all township employees. The policy verbiage was received from our Risk Control Representative, Public comments heard throughout the meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to adjourn at 1:14 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk