



**WEESAW TOWNSHIP**  
**New Troy, MI 49119**



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday September 16, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:02 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY TREASURER TACKITT:** Members Present: Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers. Michelle Tackitt. Members Absent: Wanda Green. Michelle Tackitt agreed to take minutes in the absence of Wanda Green.
- **BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT REP:** Deputy Thad Shartrand was present to present the report and answer questions. Stats had been faxed to the Township for the period of 07/01—07/31/15 as follows: 25 complaints, 6 tickets issued, 1 arrest.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to set the agenda items as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Jones, supported by McKamey, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Wed., August 19, and Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 8, 2015, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:** None
- **Victor Palulis request to speak as to property taxes and spring cleanup:** Mr. Palulis read a letter that he had read to the board members at a previous meeting since McKamey was not present at that time. McKamey responded first by saying complaint forms need to be filled out and signed before the enforcement officer can act on them. Township employees do not release the names on the complaint forms; however, a FOIA can be filed to obtain a copy of the complaint. Second, the roads are being repaired, but not as quickly as Mr. Palulis would like. Third, it is illegal to go on other people's private property without their permission. The same laws apply for our enforcement officer. And last, information was mailed out with the summer property tax bills giving property owners three ways to clean up their properties with little cost to them.
- **APPROVE EXPENDITURES:** Motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to approve the expenditures as presented in the following amounts: General Fund \$13,630.08; Fire Dept. \$4872.18; Ambulance \$2261.27; Sewer \$3581.45; Lynn St. Water Assess. \$5,716.74; USDA Phase 2 Sewer \$15,860.62: for a Grand Total of \$45,922.34. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Jones – Green absent), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
  - **Treasurer:** Tackitt provided bank balances. The last day to collect summer taxes on time was Sept. 14, 2015. Tackitt can still collect these taxes at the township hall until Feb. 28, 2016.
  - Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt to renew the annual contract with BS&A in the amount of \$1,859. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, Tackitt, McKamey, Sommers, Green absent), motion carried.

- **Fire Dept.:** Fire Chief Tim Williams gave a verbal report: 6 5 calls last month: 1 PI, 1 power line, 1 Fire alarm, and 3 2 calls to the same silo fires.

There was some discussion between Tackitt and McKamey concerning the fire department's budget. The plan in this year's budget was to use about \$15,000 from the Fire Departments Fund Equity to complete this remodel however; McKamey believes that money from the fund equity will not be needed to complete the remodel. McKamey believes money will be left over from other areas in the budget to cover the cost of the remodel. Tackitt still worried about what winter will bring with fire calls. How will the budget look then?

Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to contract with Kristopher Coy DBA of Coy Construction to complete the Fire Dept. remodel. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Jones, Sommers, Tackitt, Green absent), motion carried. Copies of insurance and license were provided for Coy Construction.

Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers to spend a maximum of \$16,500 on the fire department remodel. \$15,454 is approved to be spent right away. An additional \$1046 can be spent if needed. The Safety Committee may approve spending this additional \$1046. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green absent), motion carried. Fire Chief Tim Williams reported that Kris Coy now believes the total amount for the remodel will be less than originally quoted.

Sommers stated that the sewer drain in the fire dept. still needs to be repaired. Now the thought is to pay a professional to completely replace the drain beginning under the floor and hooking into the sewer line on Berrien Street. Fire Chief Williams says he is ok with waiting until the spring to make this repair when money will become available in the new budget. The bathroom is still usable. Board members offered the use of the bathrooms in the township hall if they would be needed during meetings.

- **Enforcement Officer:** Robert Krauss was present and reported on his activity in the township. He checked on a resident's sewer to see if it had been winterized and on another signed complaint. He provided pictures showing this residence had been winterized. He also spoke to the other resident about a signed complaint and will return in a couple of weeks to check on things. He stated that he does not release the names of the people that sign the complaint forms.

- **Building, Zoning, & Enforcement Reports** – No report provided.

Township resident Gregg Kovaks spoke about concerns with his property. He says he is working to clean up his property. He was told by a friend that someone was seen on his property taking pictures. McKamey stated that this is a civil matter and he should contact the Sheriff's Dept. if it happens again. Also, it was suggested that he put up a "No Trespassing" sign. He also mentioned having problems with his neighbor behind him concerning an easement (driveway running through Kovaks' property). The neighbor's property is landlocked. McKamey stated that the board cannot act on this. This is a matter to be settled in the courts.

- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes from 7/27/15 provided by Green.

Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt to adopt the Weesaw Township Master Plan Update – Resolution# 2015-15. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt, Green absent). Motion carried.

- **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** No meeting last month. Meeting was scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Sommers reported that it looks like some blocks were stolen from Mill Rd. Park. Are some lights needed at the park to help deter vandalism? This matter will be discussed at the next parks meeting.

**Road Committee:** Minutes provided.

Sommers reported talking to several residents who live on Kaiser Rd., Pardee Rd., and Gardner Rd. about questions they had regarding the road project. Sommers also reported that BCRC is a little behind on grading and graveling the roads that were ground up earlier this year. They should get this done soon.

- **Website Committee:** Sommers will speak to Fire Chief Tim Williams about finding someone to help out with the Fire Dept. section on the website.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers reported that the Smith/Holden drain problem has finally been resolved. This began in Dec. of 2014 with a resident's property being flooded 5ft deep. The residents contacted the drain commission about the problem and they came and worked on it some in the spring. Clerk Wanda Green helped quite a bit by contacting Jeannine Totzke at the Drain Commissioner's office about the problem at the beginning of August. Workers then came out and completed the repair as of Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. A drain narrative will be completed by the Drain Committee on this in the future.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Adopt Master Plan:** Already adopted earlier in the meeting.
- **Destroy (shred) outdated documents:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones to allow outdated documents to be shredded on site by Kent Management as long as everything is gone through prior to shredding. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Attorney Bell Update:** Nothing from Sara Bell.
- **Cemetery Signs:** Motion to table this by Sommers, supported by McKamey. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Bids to sealcoat Glendora cemetery driveways and Township Hall Parking Lot** Bid from C & D Asphalt as follows: Option 1 for cemetery \$6,500 or option 2 for \$24,000 which C & D Asphalt recommends. C & D Asphalt will not have time to do this until the spring. We will look into repairing the driveway next April. Motion by Sommers, supported by Jones to hire C & D Asphalt to clean, seal cracks, and seal the Township Hall parking lot for \$2035. Roll call vote, all ayes, (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green absent), motion carried. There is to be no vehicle traffic on this for 24 hours and no foot traffic for 3 -4 hours to allow the parking lot to cure. McKamey to contact Fire Chief Tim Williams to see what he wants to do with the fire trucks while the sealcoat is curing. This could possibly be done as soon as Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Look Laptops:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers to purchase a new computer from 2<sup>nd</sup> Look Laptops for \$663.44. It will replace the failing computer in the clerk's office. Roll call vote, all ayes, (McKamey, Sommers, Jones, Tackitt, Green absent), motion carried.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

- **ADJOURN:** Motion by Jones, supported by McKamey, to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
In the absence of the clerk,

Michelle Tackitt, Treasurer