



**Weesaw Township
New Troy, MI 49119**



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m. Sommers reported the auditor's report will probably be in January. Mike Layher called regarding the audit

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call by Clerk Green: All Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein

Berrien County Sheriff Dept.: No representative present. Report provided by Office of the Sheriff: for the period 10/01-10/31/2022 activity within the Township: 29 complaints, 0 tickets issued, 2 arrests.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Meeting rules once again reiterated by Supervisor Sommers.
- Upon question by audience member Peg Cullen, Sommers reported the auditor's report will probably be here in January. Mike Layher called the Township regarding the late audit and Alex Schaeffer of Kruggel Lawton has now taken over the completion of the audit.
- **Robert Krauss Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report.** Krauss reported 3 zoning applications. He also reported on his zoning enforcement: A CA Rd. property clean up, still being worked on, not resolved at this point in time. He reported that the judgment was lost at the courthouse, and has not been relocated. During the inclement winter months, property owners must be given additional time to clean up. Eviction will probably have to be accomplished by the township, and suggested sending a letter of April 15 deadline being sent to the property owner.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to amend the Agenda's date to Wednesday, December 14, 2022, as it was incorrect on the agenda provided. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Approve Monthly Expenditures:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the accounts payables in the following amounts: General Fund \$18,025.24; Fire Dept. \$13,79.58; Ambulance \$2,513.00; Sewer \$5,939.39, Road Dept. \$161.83, for a grand total of \$40,438.04. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Warmbein, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **Broadband Internet Update:** No report.
- **Fire Department Report:** provided by Chief Nitz. 5 calls - 1 structure, 1 grass, 1 PI accident, 1 fire alarm, 1 utility call. Meetings: truck checks. Nitz asked to sell the former ambulance vehicle which was initially purchased by the defunct Ambulance Dept. at that time. This item was tabled. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve \$1,250 for the following items: \$740 out of grant money, \$550 for eaves out of Fire Dept. maintenance budget. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, Warmbein, King, Green), motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022, as presented.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tackitt provided her quarterly report. She provided a report and indicated that the CD's rates are somewhat higher now.

- **Parks Committee Update:** Sommers gave the report in that the park grant has been approved in the amount of \$181,000. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve Abonmarche as the architect for overseeing the upcoming park project. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Sommers indicated that they would need to start earlier next year in placing the wreaths and holiday flags.
- **Planning Commission:** Minutes provided.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Sommers indicated that D.J. Can't get the trees completed due to his not having proper equipment to clean up the trees. Sommers will call the insurance company regarding storm damage. We will finish tree clean up. Two tree service quotes were received for tree clean-up – KC Tree and Tree Care Plus. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein to approve the \$9,800 bid of KC Tree Inc. If he doesn't have liability insurance, then to go with Tree Care Plus. Roll call vote all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Green, Warmbein), motion carried.
- **Road Report:** Metz, Warmbein, Sommers attended the Berrien County Road Dept. virtual meeting which was called to go over the road plan. It was suggested by Sommers that we possibly add another mile of road repair for next year.
- **Website Committee:** Metz indicated that in January, he and Jack Dodds will add pages to the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Burnham & Flower Insurance: Motion by King, supported by Tackitt, to pay the annual Burnham & Flower Insurance premium in the amount of \$21,746, plus \$66 for a total of \$21,812.00. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Warmbein, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried. Green will forward the check immediately.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No report.
- **Public Comments:** A request to pay sewer bills on-line; audience member suggested to look into a new township attorney, as she is unhappy with Attorney Senica.

Adjournment: Motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk