



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

- **Roll Call by Clerk Green:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein. Members absent: Michelle Tackitt (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present. Report received via facsimile for the period of 01/01-01/31/2020) with the following Weesaw results: 21 complaints, 7 tickets, 2 arrests.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to remove the following items from the Agenda (since the Township has been advised to only cover essential items on agenda due to the COVID-19 pandemic): Parks, Cemetery, Road Committee, Building/Zoning Administrator and any other item not necessary. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** No public comments.
- **Accounts Payables:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Accounts Payable in the following amounts: General Fund \$9,121.71, Fire Dept. \$4,252.49, Ambulance \$2,345.92, Sewer \$3,713.11, Lynn St. Water Assessment Loan \$88.32 (interest only), for a Grand Total of \$19,521.55. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green).
- **Tree Marketing Program Update:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to again table this item until after April 15, 2020. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Not present.
- **Fire Dept Report:** Verbal report provided by Fire Chief Ted Nitz. 2 meetings; 2 calls – one barn/storage fire, 1 PDA traffic control. Training: update on Coronavirus and review NFPA, Part 74. Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Nitz indicated that they are taking standards and measurements. They do not have respiration masks on hand. For lift assists, Medic-1 has indicated that they will provide masks if needed. He also mentioned that they had to have emergency repairs on one of the trucks, in the amount of less than \$500 – for air dryer on brakes. FDIC has been cancelled.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 26, 2020, and Special Board Meetings minutes of March 4 and March 7, and Public Hearing minutes of March 17, 2020, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried
- **Correspondence:** None

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bank balances provided. Tackitt has settled with the county. 2 CD's have matured. She has put the proceeds in a savings account at 5<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Bank.
- **B/Z Administrator Bob Kaufman Report:** No report provided.

- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes provided. Mike Metz advised that unless there are matters pending, due to COVID-19, he will postpone the Mon., March 23 Planning Commission meeting.
- **Parks/Recreation:** Remove from Agenda.
- **Cemetery:** Remove from Agenda.
- **Road Committee:** Remove from Agenda.
- **Website Committee:** Motion by Green, supported by Tackitt, to approve the historical presentation “Historical Mysteries, How Weesaw Township Got Its Name” investigated and created by Jack Dodds to be placed on the website. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers reported he spoke with Drain Commissioner, Chris Quattrin, and Mr. Quattrin told Sommers he should talk with Jason Latham/Berrien County Road Dept. about lowering the amount we have to pay for the Sober-Decker drain. Mr. Quattrin is in favor of lowering the cost to the township for this drain.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **FY 2020-21 Regular Board Meeting Schedule:** The following are the dates for the Regular Board Meetings for 2020-21: (All meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month, except August meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. In addition, the Annual meeting will be held on March 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m.)

April 15, 2020	October 21, 2020
May 20, 2020	November 18, 2020
June 17, 2020	December 16, 2020
July 15, 2020	January 20, 2021
August 26, 2020 (4 <sup>th</sup> Wed.)	February 17, 2021
September 16, 2020	March 17, 2021

Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the 2020-21 meeting dates schedule as presented above. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- **American Legion Weechick Post 518:** Motion by Green, supported by Tackitt, to approve the Memorial Day Parade for Sunday, May 24, 2020, to begin lining up at the Township Hall at 1:30 p.m., with the parade starting at 2:00 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Rob Buono/Granor Farms (aka GF Grains):** Mike Metz read a section from GAAMPS regulations paperwork that the Planning Commission is not involved in the process of approving the distribution of spirits as requested by Mr. Buono. After discussion and questions, motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the Resolution for the on-premises license application resolution provided by Mr. Buono; verbiage and vote outcome as follows: At a Regular Board meeting of the Weesaw Township Board of Trustees (all members present) called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers on March 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., moved by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, that the application from Rob Buono, Granor Farms, which is located at 3480 Warren Woods Rd., Three Oaks, MI 49128, be granted license as indicated in Form LCC-106 (10/15) provided by Mr. Buono. Roll call vote, 3 ayes (Sommers, Warmbein, Tackitt); 2 nays (King, Green), motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No input.
- **Resolution 2020-04:** Pursuant to MCL 247.670a, 1 mill, 2-year Property Tax Levy, for the maintenance/improvement of local roads, motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to approve the Resolution as to levying the millage beginning with tax year 2020. Roll call vote, 2 ayes (Sommers, Green), 3 nays (King, Tackitt, Warmbein), motion failed.
- **Review/Update Zoning Fees tabled last month:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to table this issue due to Clerk’s not having the time to poll other townships.

- **GRSD Contract:** Sommers indicated that he has spoken with Mr. Histed, and the fee are the same as they have been, they wanted to have the form on hand. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the rates as presented. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.
- **General Appropriations Act Resolution:** Green provided a sample resolution for the board members to read over prior to adoption of the budget.
- **Public Comments:** Sommers indicated he had received an email from a lady about medical marijuana. Metz indicated that the Master Plan will be updated after the census is completed. The Final budget workshop to work on the FY 2020-21 Budget will be TU, March 24, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk