



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call: by Clerk Wanda Green: Board Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein; **Members Absent:** Michelle Tackitt,

Berrien County Sheriff's Department Representative Report: Report provided. Deputy Sheriff not in attendance. Weesaw Township Activity for 09/01/2021-09/30/2021: Complaints 21, Tickets issued 0, Arrests: 0.

Set/Amend Agenda Items: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to set the Agenda as is. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Accounts Payables Monthly Expenditures Report: There was a minor error in the totals, which had been corrected by Green prior to the meeting, thus motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the payables as amended and showing in the Board Members packet report as follows: General fund \$14,247.86; Fire Dept. \$4,347.32, Ambulance \$2,416.34; Sewer \$6,190.57, for a Grand Total of \$27,202.09.

Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer: Krauss provided a comprehensive written report, with results of Zoning applications approved: 3; Zoning Applications pending: 7; Code enforcement update as follows: 3 – citations issued to 3 properties, no response from bank on the other property; Pending Enforcement: 3; Discussion of other items of interest. (Report is filed under Code Enforcement/Zoning Administrator Reports in 2021 Zoning Records).

7:15 p.m. Tackitt Arrived

Continuation of Krauss: Krauss requested to purchase 20 regulation municipal civil infraction citation books at \$16.91 per book, or up to \$400. Motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, to approve the purchase of the books as requested by Krauss, up to \$400, as additional shipping charges may be required. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green), motion carried.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Ted Nitz reported 5 calls. 1 Structure, 1 PI Accident, 1 Fire Alarm, 1 Utility Call power line down, 1 Manned Station due to bad weather. There were 2 meetings – 1 truck checks 1 SEMCO gas training.

Nitz requested to upgrade the post office box to the \$72 per year box. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the larger post office box at \$72/yr. to accommodate magazines and larger parcels. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Warmbein, King, Tackitt, Green), motion carried. Nitz also requested to advertise sale of the old Husqvarna Fire Dept. Chain Saw that was purchased by the Fire Dept. years ago. It will be posted on the website, and any monies received for it will go back to the Fire Dept. Fund. Nitz requested to hire Gregory Nelson as a new firefighter. He is already working for another Fire Dept., thus has training. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to hire Gregory Nelson pending favorable background check. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Chief Nitz requested to use up to three Fire Trucks for delivering the Thanksgiving baskets and Santa Claus. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve using the trucks to deliver the Thanksgiving baskets and Santa Claus to the Friend of New Troy. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Present were two gentlemen Frank DeLaTorre (N. Berrien Fire Plan Coordinator and Fire Chief Mike Mattix, Div. Leader, to explain more fully the MABAS (Mutual Air Agreement with State). After a lengthy discussion by the gentlemen with questions and inquiries from board members, motion by Warmbein,

supported by King to table this issue until the next meeting. It was stated that we could opt out by resolution in the future, if we so desired. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Approve Previous Minutes: Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to approve Special Board Minutes of 10/18/2021 (for Regular Board Meeting items), and Wednesday, 10/20/2021 2021-26 Parks & Recreation Plan Public Hearing meeting minutes. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Snowplowing Bids: There being one bid from Seeder & Co., along with their insurance certificate, motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to accept the bid from Seeder & Co. in the amount of \$370.00 per plowing/servicing of all properties -- \$100 for township hall, \$70 for Wee-Chik Cemetery, \$70 for Glendora Cemetery, \$55 for \$Mill Rd. Park, \$75 (1/2 to Weesaw Twp. and 1/2 to FONT) for Community Center parking lot. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, Warmbein, King, Green), motion carried.

Other Township Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bank balances provided by Tackitt; winter taxes are being mailed.

Planning Commission: Minutes provided by Clerk Green.

Cemetery Committee: None

Roads Committee: The Weesaw Roads Plan was approved by the County and returned to the township. There was a virtual Road Dept. meeting today, which Warmbein, Sommers, and Green attended in various separate locations in the township hall.

Extend Meeting: at 8:30 p.m. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to extend the meeting up to 45 minutes to 9:15 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Bridges: One bridge on Log Cabin by DeRuiter's should be examined for critical bridge.

Website Committee: Proposal to add web address to township stationery (template) and to the township signs – the outdoor display cabinet and also the township sign on lawn. Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to add the website address as indicated. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Drains Committee: None.

Parks Committee: Sommers reported that the second bridge in the park has been completed. A bid for parking lot and driveway was received. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to attempt to secure another bid for the park driveway/parking lot. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Sommers will attempt to get another bid.

New Business: Assessor Angela Story requested that the township approve option 1 or option 2 of a recent requirement to post assessing records online: Option 1) Pay-per-hit. The township assumes zero cost. BS&A will charge \$2 per record payable by credit card. Taxpayers may look up their data for free. Option 2) Subscription option. The township incurs a cost of \$2,100 annually. Motion by Green, supported by Tackitt, to approve Option 1 at zero cost to township. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Attorney Sara Senica update – invoice received.

Public Comments: None at this time. Heard throughout the meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green,
Clerk