



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 19, 2022

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present who wished to participate.

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 of 08/01 – 08/31/2022 Activity within the Township: 27 Complaints, 2 tickets issued, 1 arrest.

- **Rules for the Meeting – Supervisor Sommers:** Once again Sommers reiterated the rules for the meeting.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement/Zoning Administrator Report:** Not present.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to set the agenda as presented.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons Present on Agenda Items:** CD amount questioned.
- **Approve Monthly Expenditures:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the Accounts Payable as follows: General Fund \$35,695.09; Fire Dept. \$6,779.54; Ambulance \$2,513.00; Sewer \$1,809.07; for a grand total of all expenditures of \$46,796.70.
- **James Pelletier, Chair, Broadband Internet Committee:** Mr. Pelletier provided a broadband update. He indicated that they are looking into proposals from two companies, and that Comcast seems eager to work with us.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** Verbal report by Fire Chief Nitz. 1 structure fires, 1 grass fire, 3 P.I. accidents, 1 gas smell. Meetings/Training: Truck checks, pump training, special training (ladder, search rescue, ventilation). Apple Cider Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 25. He also indicated that Amanda is resigning as training officer.

Chief Nitz also reported:

1. Amanda is resigning as Training officer, and Nitz requested to place Jeff Starbuck in that position. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to place Jeff Starbuck as training officer in the absence of Amanda. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Starbuck was commended for his coming on board and writing a number of grants which have been received for the Fire Dept. Kudos to Jeff for his help in this regard.

In addition, members of the fire department staff have done a fine job in restoring the Fire Dept. floor, and Supervisor Sommers thanked all those who worked on this project. They did a great job.

2. 5K run and Halloween Party are being planned. Jeff Starbuck reported that the tablets are in the trucks; \$3900 grant from Marathon Community Investment Program received.
3. Pump tests: Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve \$600 for the pump tests. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Tackitt Sommers, Green), motion carried.
4. Nitz requested that the drain in the 20x30 bay be removed. Cement is needed. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to proceed to get estimates for this project. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
5. No action on extra batteries and chargers from grant funds. No prices as of this time.
6. Nitz indicated a request for millage for a new truck & air packs. Nitz indicated that a new truck would be \$850,000, + additional amount for air packs. They have 14 donated air

packs, which are 2013-issued. Jeff is working on getting them. Jeff demonstrated one of the packs donated to the fire dept.

Approve Previous Minutes: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting of Wed., Sept 21 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of TU, October 11, 2022, Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Presented to board as received.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt provided bank balance and indicated that taxes will be going out December 1. She indicated to the board that if a notice is to go in the tax bills, the taxes will be committed the middle of Nov., so it is possible for a letter to be in the taxes if provided in time.
- **Parks Committee:** The driveway and upper parking lot that part that belongs to Weesaw Township is scheduled to be paved by Wendorf Asphalt.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes provided.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Regarding columbarium, nothing new to report.
- **Roads Committee:** No meeting.
- **Website Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Drains Committee:** Annual bill received in the amount of \$42,574.83 received – due 02/28/23.

New Business:

- **Election Commission (consisting of Sommers, Green, Tackitt) to Appoint Election Inspectors for TU, 11//8/2022, General Election:** The following people were requested to be appointed as Elections Inspectors: Leanora Cleary, Olivia Cleary (hygiene), Alivia Green, (Wanda Green, as required), Bill Kirsch, Beverly Koch, Lori Pastryk (Chair), Ruby Schaffer, Peter Tortorello. Motion by Tackitt, supported by Sommers, to spend up to \$50 for sandwiches and water for the election and to , to approve the ladies and gentlemen as indicated as election inspectors for the upcoming election. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Green, Sommers, King, Warmbein) motion carried.
- **At 8:30, motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to extend the meeting to 9:00 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.**
- **Snowplowing Bids:** It was recommended that using last year's specs, and making necessary changes, that we go out for snowplowing bids, posting in the Harbor Country News to the received by 14th of November and opened at the November meeting on the 16th.

Other Bids, Etc.

- Hein Electric, to replace 7 lights on outside of the township hall and fire dept. with new LE lights with photo cell sensors. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to spend \$1,848.20 on these lights. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green, motion carried.
- AEP light to illuminate the township parking lot at a cost of \$15/mo. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the light. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- Motion by Sommers, supported by King at 9:12 to extend meeting to 9:30 p.m. Voice vote, 3 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.
- Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve Upper Room Carpentry & Home Services' gutter work and shingle repair labor in the amount of \$958.36. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to table Upper Room Carpentry & Home Services to extend vent, floor patches, extend handrail labor. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- A park Bench created by Terry Hanover will be in the Township Hall for approval – A number of people sat on it and felt the bench back was too angled.
- At 9:30, motion by Sommers, supported by King, to extend meet 15 min. to 9:30. Voice vote, 4 ayes, 1 nay.

- Discuss 50% down-payment to Wendorf Asphalt. The Wendorf contract was approved. They are requiring a 50% down-payment in the amount of \$33,837. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers to cut a check in the amount of \$33,837 for the required down-payment amount and have Michelle sign it to provide for the asphalt work performed in the park area and Weesaw Township's portion of the parking lot. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green Tackitt), motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** None
- **Public Comments:** No action taken on any comments.

Adjournment: Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk