



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

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 Nitz:** Members Present: Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein, and Kelly Nitz. Michelle Tackitt.
- **Supervisor Gary Sommers:** reiterated rules for the meeting.
- **Recess the board meeting:** 7:02pm
- **Hearing: Vickers tax abatement** 7:03pm- Cathy Tilley from Cornerstone Alliance presented the board with the tax abatement information, requested by Vickers Engineering in regard to the expansion of the business. 50% of the expansion will be warehouse and cold storage. Vicker is expecting to hire 8-10 new employees due to the expansion. They are requesting the abatement be valid for 12 years. Warmbein made the motion to accept the resolution for the tax abatement as written, supported by Sommers. Roll call vote, all ayes.
- **Close the hearing on tax abatement** 7:25pm
- **Call board meeting to order** 7:25pm
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present. Report attached.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:** Present. Report submitted. 10 zoning applications approved, none pending. Waiting for court to provide copies of orders and judgement. Special land use discussions for Jules Event Center. Prioritizing zoning and ordinance issues on Log Cabin Road and California Rd, some ongoing for 9 years. Glendora concerns regarding lack of permits, shut downs , dismantled houses.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items:** 4 items added to agenda. Sommers motioned to accept, Warmbein seconded. All in favor. John Jannot presented the board with pictures of vandalism done to his building on California. He is asking for policing in the area, he suggested hiring a security firm.
- **8:30pm, Sommers motioned to extend the meeting until 9:30. Support by Warmbein.**
- **Accounts Payable:** Motion by King, support by Sommers, to approve the Accounts Payable as presented as follows: General Fund \$35,841.67; Fire Dept. \$13,964.08; Ambulance \$2,638.65; Sewer \$6,353.10; for a grand total of \$58,797.50. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Sommers, Warmbein, Tackitt, Nitz), motion carried.
- **Broadband Internet Update:** no updates.
- **Fire Dept Report:** Fire chief needs approval for lights for 2200, \$1500.00, 2260 light Bar \$2200.00. Motion by Warmbein to approve \$3700.00 for lights. Supported by Sommers. Roll call vote, all ayes, approved.

- Fire Dept received \$4000.00 grant from TC Energy. DNR truck is here for inspection, 2230 is fixed and in service.
- **Calls:** 6 fire, 1 grass fire, 1 PI accident, 2 utility, 1 mutual aid, 1 illegal burn.  
**Meetings-**Truck checks, cleaning, safety.  
**Trainings-** CPR/AED/First Aid.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Previous minutes approved at special meeting July 31, 2023 meeting. Approve minutes from special meeting on July 31, 2023. Sommers moved to approve , King supported. Roll call-Sommers, Tackitt, King, Warmbein, Nitz all ayes

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank Balance's- Written summary was attached.

**Parks Committee Update:** REV Excavating brush/chop, estimate was over by \$1750. Warmbein moved that the overage be paid, Sommers supported. Roll call vote, all ayes. REV excavating estimate approved for \$2115.0 for aggregate for walking path. Sommers made motion to approve, Warmbein supported. Roll call vote, all ayes. Warmbein still working on getting repair estimated for park cameras.

**Planning Commission:** no update

**Cemetery Committee:** New Troy cemetery two oak trees will be removed on Sept 7, 2023.

**Road Committee:** no updates.

**Website Committee:** Suggest software for forms on website.

**Drains Committee:** Still waiting for them to come through to scope it on State Street, still no action.

**Public Comments:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Warmbein will be administrator for SAM site and ARPA grant. Motion by Sommers, supported by Nitz. All in favor.

Extended meeting to 9:45pm-Motioned by Sommers' supported by King.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Sommers, to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Township Clerk,  
Kelly Nitz