



Weesaw Township
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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 who wished of those audience members 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 11/01-10/31/2022 activity within the Township: 19 complaints, 3 tickets issued, 0 arrests.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to set the agenda as presented.
- **Public Comments:**
- Resident Elizabeth Palulis had requested to speak to the board members. She indicated that there seemed to be a discrepancy in the CD balances in the bank in the amount of approximately \$29,806. Sommers and Tackitt both provided paperwork which indicated that there was no discrepancy, in fact that amount had been moved to the Ambulance Fund in order to provide ambulance service to the township residents until the ambulance millage took effect in December 2022. Tackitt tried to explain the “implied” discrepancy, and Sommers also spoke to this issue.
- **Kruggel Lawton Audit Report:** Alex Schaeffer provided a verbal audit report, and provided copies of the audit to the board. He indicated there was no discrepancy found in the audit. He in fact explained that the township was very healthy.
- The meeting moved forward at 7:57, after the audit dialogue.

- **Robert Krauss Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report.** Krauss provided an oral report of the activity in the past month. He reported that he is waiting on information from the court. He did get a court order for a property on CA Rd. He also indicated that he cannot provide information for some complaints as they are anonymous, and he has no idea from whom the complaint came.

- **Approve Monthly Expenditures:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the accounts payables in the following amounts: General Fund \$36,429.96; Fire Dept. \$7,409.36; Ambulance \$2,776.75; Sewer \$6,957.44, for a grand total of \$63,546.51. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

- **Broadband Internet Update:** Mr. Pelletier could not be in attendance.

- **Fire Department Report:** Report provided by Chief Nitz. 6 calls; 2 structure, 1 PI, 1 fire alarm, 1 mutual aid, 1 all call. Meetings/Training: truck checks & mask fit tests, ropes and knots. Nitz asked to sell the former ambulance vehicle. He has a bid of \$7,000. The funds to go into the ambulance fund, as the ambulance department had purchased it initially. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to sell the former 1999 ambulance “as is” for \$7,000. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried. Chief Nitz indicated that they met the date for the SCBA lease, thus saved \$10,000.
- Chief Nitz provided information regarding a fire in December, as there seemed to be discrepancy of the Fire Dept. arrival time, and he reported it was less than 10 minutes arrival on scene.

- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Warmbein, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022, as presented.

At 8:30 p.m., Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to extend the meeting to 9:00. Voice vote, all ayes.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tackitt provided her report and indicated that CD rates were now higher.
- **Parks Committee Update:** Adopt Resolution 2023-04 Accept MI Dept of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant for Development of the park. Motion by Tackitt, supported by Sommers, to approve this resolution per copy presented. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Warmbein, King, Green, Sommers), motion carried.
- **Planning Commission:** No December meeting.
- **Cemetery Committee:** D.J. cleaned up the cemetery, as best he could; however, he does not have equipment required to take the limbs from the trees. It was indicated that the insurance would probably pay for these jobs. Gary will contact our insurance company to see if they will reimburse the township for the clean-up of the cemetery.
- **Road Report:** The 6-year roads repair plan was presented to BCRD. They have provided 3 years, and we need to respond to them by February 3, 2023, if we agree. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve the 3-year plan (2023-2025) received from BCRD. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, King, Sommers, Warmbein, Green), motion carried.

At 9:09 p.m., motion by Sommers, supported by King, to extend the meeting to 9:30, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Website Committee: Mike Metz indicated that he and Jack Dodd are adding pages to the parks page website. He indicated that we may want to look into getting a company to take over the website, and we should begin to look into a professional who would do that.

- **Drains Committee:** It was mentioned again that State St. drain needs repairing. Warmbein indicated that a camera crew will be looking into this soon.

New Business: Adopt three resolutions for the Board of Review, as follows:

- Resolution 2023-01 Accepting Letters of Protest from Township Residents, motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein. to adopt by roll call vote; all ayes (Tackitt, Green, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-02 A Resolution to Provide for Alternate Starting Dates for 2023, motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to adopt by roll call vote; all ayes (Tackitt, Green, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
- Resolution 2023-03 A Resolution Updating State Required Poverty Level Income Standards per Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Tax Year 2023. Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to adopt by roll call vote; all ayes (Tackitt, Green, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
Another Resolution (non-related to above):
- Resolution 2023-05 Adoption of the 2022 Berrien County Multi-Jurisdictional Plan. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to adopt resolution by roll call vote, (Tackitt, Warmbein, King Sommers, Green), motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No report.

- **Public Comments:** Comments and questions re park, budget.

Adjournment: Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk