



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 11, 2021

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 (ar @ 7:04 p.m.)
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present due to Coronavirus pandemic. Report provided indicated the following activity for Weesaw Township during the period of 06/01-06/30/2021: 34 complaints, 1 ticket issued; 1 arrest.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to accept the Agenda, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items:** None.
- **Accounts Payable:** Motion by Warmbein, King, to approve the Accounts Payable as presented (Tackitt arrived during this time at 7:04 p.m.), follows: General Fund \$15,266.57; Fire Dept. \$7,045.71, Ambulance \$2,566.34; Sewer \$509.00; for a grand total of \$25,287.62. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Sommers, Warmbein, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Robert Krauss was present and indicated that he has attempted to get in touch with Attorney Senica for the past 2 weeks, but has been unable to do so. He has talked with the attorneys for the Backus property which is under foreclosure. He was told that there is supposedly an active-duty military person living there, and they are attempting to have the people living there evicted. The COVID moratorium is in effect. It was questioned whether the attorney can send a letter to the holding bank. Sommers and Green will contact our attorney to see if she can contact Robert and provide direction for enforcement issues.
- **Fire Dept:** Meetings/Training: Truck checks, check Dale Seifert's well. Calls: 1 call
- **Additional:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to accept firefighter Matthew Johnson's verbal resignation effective as of July 29, 2021, when his equipment was returned. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, King, Green, Warmbein), motion carried.
Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to grant the request to take Fire truck #20 to the BCYF on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to midnight – firefighters would be working as volunteers. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to purchase 4 Motorola green radios with the AFG grant, which is a 7% match, or \$574. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried.
Request to have another Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast as requested. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the Regular Board Minutes of July 21, 2021, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

Other Township Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bank balances provided. Tackitt is in the midst of her summer tax collection season.

Building Zoning Administrator: No report received. Sommers and Warmbein to be available for Bob Kaufman's interview of applicants for the Building-Zoning Administrator's position. Sommers reported concrete footings were poured for the Jerry/Diane Smith property without approval from the State. He will contact Dave Rigozzi about pouring the walls.

Planning Commission: June meeting minutes provided.

Cemetery Committee: Two Oak trees in the New Troy Cemetery reportedly have Oak Wilt. Sommers reported this to the soil conservation rep.

Road Committee: Several recently rebuilt roads are crumbling – Wagner and Mill Roads.

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

Website: Website guru Mike Metz reported that a Parks page has been added for the Parks Plan's 30-day open comments. It will be monitored by the web committee.

Drains' Committee: The Holden Road tube is still lying dormant. Per Sommers, there is a hold up on installing it due to complications per BC Drains Commissioner Chris Quattrin.

Parks Committee: Mike Metz and Gary Sommers presented information relating to the 5-Year Parks Plan for the grant. It has to be published in the newspaper and available for comments. Metz had acquired copies of the Plan for comments and for the Township Board members. It is available at the Township Hall, FONT and on-line. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Green, to move forward with publication at a proposed amount of up to \$300 to pay the outstanding amounts for publication and other misc. items of the Parks Plan. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Green, Sommers, Tackitt, King), motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Attorney Sara Senica Update:** Nothing received.
- **Resolution 2021-09:** Annual Street Light Assessment District Review. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to adopt Resolution 2021-09 as presented (no raise in the assessment this year). Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Warmbein, Tackitt Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **Zoning Fees/Review/Address Land Division:** Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to approve the Land Division split fees adopted last month in the amount of 90% for the Assessor and 10% to be retained by the Township, and to update the land division fees to indicate charging \$150 for the first land division and \$50 for any additional divisions completed in one transaction with one survey. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** The American Flags which are presently flying are looking very bad and need to be taken down or replaced. Motion by King, supported by Tackitt, to take the flag down since the annual patriotic holidays are very close to being over. Regarding Mill Road Park, the boards re curving up and look bad. Sommers to contact the jail crew to see if we can get a crew to maintain the park. Mike Metz reported that the Trail Blazers may be interested in working as volunteers to help clean up also. In-kind time should be recorded; however, the Mill Road Park is not considered in-kind.

Adjournment: Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk