



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:00 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** Sheriff's Dept. representative not present. Report faxed from Sheriff's office: Complaints: 22; Tickets issued: 7; Arrests: 0; for the period of 6/1-6/30/16.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Representatives from Apex Wind Farms were present and requested to make a brief presentation. Motion by McKamey, supported by Green to insert the Apex group after the Fire Dept. report. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (LMC) PRESENTATION:** First of the persons speaking regarding this issue was Doug Schaffer, VP of Students, LMC, who presented a handout and information concerning the various campuses of LMC and its offerings, and also spoke concerning a new millage they are requesting. The college's plan is to place a capital millage on the November 2016 ballot. After Doug Schaffer spoke, Jeremy Schaeffer (who works at Bertrand Crossing) spoke, and mentioned this new millage would bring in 40 million dollars over 10 years. If it should pass, the millage will begin in 2017. The present ongoing millage is 1.7584 mills. Sally Geldhof (resident of Berrien County) also spoke and advised that she will be voting for the millage,
- **STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL REVIEW:** Resolution #2016-09 – Change to be made is combining 3 Weesaw Township parcels into 1 parcel. McKamey asked if we were going to add the lights in Mill Rd. Park to the assessment roll. Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, that we approve Resolution 2016-09 Weesaw Township Street Lights' Assessment District Annual Review with the stipulation that we contact Atty. Bell regarding including the Mill Rd. Park's lights on the assessment roll. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **SEWER REQUEST:** Mr. Jeff Jackson, son of Mrs. Patricia Balbo, has requested that the second sewer assessment of Mrs. Balbo be removed from her annual taxes going forward. Issue tabled, as Green is yet researching this issue.
- **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Robert Krauss provided his report to the Board. Two enforcement issues have been resolved. The owner of a home on California Rd. is requesting an extension. The home is not habitable; the owner is trying to sell the house. Krauss is asking for a timeline in writing. Atty. Bell is waiting on the court for hearing dates for the tickets issued, and he wants to meet with Atty. Bell to discuss court dates and having the outstanding enforcement issues be misdemeanors, not civil infractions. No progress on property by post office. McKamey asked Krauss to call her after calling Atty. Bell.
- **FIRE DEPT:** Fire Chief Tim Williams reported two calls – grass fire and fire alarm.

- Williams requested that Justin Milliken be approved to attend Firefighter I and II classes. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, that \$400 be approved for Justin Milliken to attend Firefighter I and II classes in Berrien Springs.
  - The By-laws of the Weesaw Township Cadet Firefighter Program were provided to all board members for review and edit where necessary. This is a high school project and will be paid by the school; and upon completion of the course, Firefighter I & II requirements will have been satisfied. The board will read the materials. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to table this issue until the next board meeting. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  - Fire Dept.: Refrigerator & Stove – Fire Chief Williams has reported problems with the present refrigerator. Sommers reported a 36” side by side would fit the space. Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt, to purchase a new refrigerator and stove for up to \$1,750 to replace the old appliances. Roll call vote, all ayes, (McKamey, Jones, Tackitt, Green, Sommers), motion carried. Williams will attempt to get a better price from the vendor.
  - Bids to repair Fire Dept. sewer: Oldenburg & Sons provided a bid. Another bid was received some time ago for a larger amount. Green was requested to contact Burkholder to see if Scott could do the job, when and how much?
- **APEX WIND FARMS:** The representative stated that they have been talking with area residents and had a meeting of land owners relating to bringing a wind farm to the area. A Q&A meeting was canceled. They want to educate the public by having a meeting for the residents with the board members in attendance. McKamey instructed them to set up a meeting and let the board members and constituents know when and where.
  - **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Jones, supported by Tackitt, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of 7/20/16 and Special Board Meeting minutes of 7/26/16 as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  - **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
    - No action taken.
  - **APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:** Motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to approve the expenditures as presented: General Fund \$18,949.13; Fire Dept. \$2,294.66; Ambulance \$2,225.02; Sewer \$3,284.24; other (none); for a Grand Total of \$26,753.05. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
  - **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
    - **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Tackitt – Copy of bank balances provided. She reported she is presently collecting summer taxes and the last day to collect is September 14, 9:00-5:00.
    - **Building/Zoning, Administrator:** Robert Kaufman provided the zoning report.
    - **Planning Commission Minutes:** Provided.
    - **Parks’ & Rec. Committee:** Jack Dodds verbalized a report as to the ongoing FONT Bell Project. Terry Hanover has everything well organized. A new layout was presented for the project. It is larger by 2’ each way. Motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to approve the revised 15’x26’ plan. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
      - Due to a large limb coming down in the Mill Road Park and causing damage to the wooden guard rail, motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve \$50 to purchase and replace 2 2x6x14 boards and hardware to repair the guardrail. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Sommers, Green, Jones, Tackitt.) The wire to the cameras was taken out also and we will have to have an electrician repair it. Louie Csokasy has approved taking down the tree, as it is

hovering over the township's surveillance cameras and is a danger to the equipment in the future.

- **Road Committee**: Minutes provided. Sommers provided the highlights of the meeting. B.C.R.C. has worked on Pardee Rd. addressing the concerns of the residents and the results are due to the road committee's efforts. Gravel has been applied and grading has taken place to the roadway to take care of the wash-boarding that has been ongoing in the past month or so.
- **Website Committee**: Mike Metz informed that the new website will be up soon – sometime in Sept. It has a new and better look – weesawtownship.net. A handout was provided of the old vs. new internet.
- **Drains Report**: Sommers reported that the drains in New Troy have not been cleaned yet. He will contact the apropos personnel.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2016 Par Plan forms**: The appropriate sections were provided to the board members as well as the various departments (Zoning and Fire Dept.) by Green. They need to be returned the first part of September.
- Replacement park boards approved earlier in the minutes.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Atty. Sara Bell Update**: Email messages provided to the board members.
- **Locate markers in Glendora Cemetery**: Jarvis returned Green's call and will be providing pricing for the work to be performed in Glendora Cemetery.
- **Abbreviated Cemetery Rules & New Troy Cemetery**: Jack Dodds provided copy of the rules to be placed on 4'x4' signs to be made by Dornbos Signs. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers to approve up to \$700 to Dornbos Signs for creating 2 signs to be positioned in the two cemeteries. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt, Jones, Green), motion carried. Sommers reported on the New Troy well repairs. The well has been replaced and there are repairs in the amount of \$1492 additional, for which sufficient monies were approved last month to cover the cost of these additional repairs.
- **Fire Dept. & Other Policies 2016-01, 2016-02, 2016-03**: Motion by Sommers, supported by Jones, to approve the policies as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, Green, McKamey, Jones), motion carried.
- **Special Thank You** to Scott Vines and his family for voluntarily cutting up and stacking wood that fell in the Mill Rd. Park following a recent storm.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: Robert Warmbein/Weechik American Legion Post reported that he and others installed memorials in the cemetery for two servicemen – Wayne Diver and Charles Post. Dale Seyfred reported dead trees needing to be cut down along Elm Valley Rd. Sommers and Jack Dodds will provide the information to BCRC.
- **ADJOURN**: Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green  
Clerk