



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



**Special Board Meeting**  
**Monday, October 18, 2021 (for Oct. Regular Board Meeting Items)**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sommers at 4:00 p.m. (Special Meeting called to conduct scheduled business of Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, October 20, 2021, due to proposed absence of Clerk due to a family emergency)

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all in attendance.**

**Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers,  
**Members Absent:** Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein

**Berrien County Sheriff's Department Representative Report:** Report provided. Deputy Sheriff not in attendance.

**Set/Amend Agenda Items:** King requested to add Township Hall Lighting System. Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to approve adding this agenda item. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Mike Metz requested permission of the Township Board to call Atty. Sara Senica to ask about lot sizes being too small and inadequate setbacks. Motion by Sommers, supported by King to grant permission to allow Mike Metz to contact Atty. Sara Senica regarding the two zoning issues that have arisen regarding the lot sizing and setbacks. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers King, Green), motion carried.

Resident Jennifer Powell provided public comments regarding the excessive speed occurring between CA and Log Cabin Roads. She called the police department, and they put up a radar speed sign. She is concerned about pets and children. Sommers to contact the Berrien County Road Dept. regarding their placing the trailer sign.

**Approve Accounts Payables Monthly Expenditures Report:** Two checks were not on the Accounts Payable and were added to the totals as follows and revised payables: General Fund: Add S.E. Berrien Cty. Landfill S/B \$45.60; Fire Dept.: IN-MI Electric add \$171.68;, making revised General Fund Expenditures total: \$19,275.60; Fire Dept. \$9,705.87; Ambulance \$2,631.34; Sewer Fund \$4,727.99; for a Grand Total of all expenditures of \$36,340.80.

**Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** No written report provided. Sommers reported there are three cease and desist orders being violated. Krauss to contact Rigozzi regarding these violation. Tickets to be issued, if necessary.

**Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve Regular Board Minutes of Wed., Sept. 15, 2021, and Special Board Meeting Minutes of Mon., October 11, 2021. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**Other Township Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank balances provided by Tackitt.

**Planning Commission:** Minutes provided by Clerk Green.

**Cemetery Committee:** Cemetery Lots Refund: 2 lots less \$10/ea. lot – sold at \$200/ea. or \$380.00 refund. Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to refund the \$380 to Julian Kubian for the two cemetery lots in the New Troy Cemetery. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

In addition, Sommers will contact the lawn mowing people and asked them not to mow this week.

**Road Committee:** Sommers reported that maintenance of the roads is okay. They will tar and stone on Wee-Chik Rd., which is presently graveled, next year.

**Website Committee:** A meeting is in the planning.

Drains Committee: The annual drains bill received in the amount of \$43,500.44. Due February 2022.  
Parks Committee: On 11/09 is the regular parks meeting with Marcie Hamilton, 7:00 p.m. Engineering for parks driveway by Wightman Associates. They will get back with us with price. Parks Committee member Mike Metz indicated that the amount that Wightman charges for engineering fees is \$100/hr. Motion by King, supported by Sommers to approve up to \$1000 for engineering of the park's driveway. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Green), motion carried.  
Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve up to \$500 for the park's additional bridge #2. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers King, Green), motion carried.

**New Business:** Snowplowing Bids: Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to approve placing ad in the Berrien County Record for snowplowing bids upon Green's return from her emergency trip to TX. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, King, Sommers), motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** Attorney Sara Senica update – nothing at this time.

**Fire Dept.:** Fire Chief Ted Nitz reported that Collin Warner has to take the practical test retest. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve Collin Warner to the fire dept. pending a background report. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Chief Nitz also recommended Dakota Krieger to the Cadet program. Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to recommend Dakota Krieger for the Cadet Program. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Chief Nitz also requested to use up to 3 trucks for the Friends of New Troy 5k run. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to permit the Fire Dept. to utilize the trucks as requested. Voice, vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Annual Halloween Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to permit the Fire Dept. to have the Halloween Party as planned.

Fire Dept. Report: 4 calls, truck checks and cleaning.

Chief Nitz requested \$360 from the budget for 9 air bottles to be hydro-tested (which is required every 5 years). Motion by King, supported by Green, to approve having the 9 air bottles hydro-tested as requested for \$350. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Green, King), motion carried.

Chief Nitz requested judges for the Halloween Party costume contest.

**Added to Agenda Item:** King provided information regarding replacing present ceiling lights with LED Lighting in the township hall meeting room, which will be more cost-efficient. Discussion ensued, and King will call around to get pricing and bring it back to the board next month for action.

**Public Comments:** None at this time. Heard throughout the meeting.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green,  
Clerk