



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

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
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** No representative present: Report had been provided via facsimile: Statistics for period of 9/01-09/30/19 were as follows: 31 complaints, 4 tickets issued; 2 arrests.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to set the Agenda, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Robert Krauss provided a verbal report. He traveled to Kentwood, MI, to issue citations to a property owner relating to lack of clean-up on Glendora Rd., as promised by owner would happen. Krauss also provided the tickets to Atty. Senica. He has not heard from her since that time.
- **Fire Dept Report:** Provided by Fire Chief Ted Nitz. 2 calls; delivered Santa to FONT. The Fire Dept. personnel wants to update the Fire Dept. office area at no charge to the township. Aaron Wheeler will be overseeing the project. King will look at a problem heater in the Fire Dept.
  - **Other Fire Dept. Matters:** Discussion of an opportunity to purchase used air packs from an entity in Chicago area. They are newer and have better features than the ones we presently have. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to purchase 12 air packs at \$100/ea. (total \$1200), no shipping charges. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried. A request by Fire Dept. personnel to use up to 3 Fire Dept. vehicles to deliver Christmas baskets. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to permit the Fire Dept. personnel to use up to 3 vehicles to deliver the 3 Christmas baskets on 12/22/2019. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of Wed., November 20, 2019, and the Special Board Minutes of Mon., December 2, 2019, and Tue., December 10, 2019, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** None
- **Approve Accounts Payable Monthly Expenditures Report:** Since the payables had been reviewed earlier in the day, motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Accounts Payables, with the exception of the \$750 check for cemetery clean up payable to Lawnscape Services back, as Sommers would like to talk with them about the leaves remaining in the cemetery prior to our issuing the check: General Fund \$40,510.18; Fire Dept. \$15,843.05, Ambulance \$2,277.59; Sewer \$4,066.38; Other Road Rebuild-BCRD \$79,165.25 (Pardee Rd., Wagner Rd., Elm Valley Rd.) for a grand total of \$141,862.35. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green), motion carried. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to also hold the \$5,200 check for Koorsen Fire and Security for the first payment on the surveillance cameras in Weesaw Township Park until we know the project is progressing in a

manner that is satisfactory to the board. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green), motion carried. Sommers will let the Treasurer know when the remaining two checks should be mailed.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt, not being present, had provided bank balances.
- **B/Z Administrator Bob Kaufman Report:** Report provided for Nov. and Dec.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** No minutes are available due to no Nov. or Dec. Planning Commission meetings.
- **Parks Recreation:** The surveillance cameras are being installed in Weesaw Township Park.
- **Cemetery:** Sommers will speak with Lawnsapes regarding New Troy Cemetery clean up.
- **Road Committee:** No meeting. Sommers reported that the annual meeting with Berrien County Road Committee was held on November 9, 2019, attended by Sommers and Green. We currently receive \$47,000 matching funds from the Road Dept. Discussion regarding the road millage being continued in the future.
- **Website Committee:** Mike Metz indicated there is nothing new at this time.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers indicated that Drain Commission Chris Quattrin wants to meet with the board to present two new drain resolutions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **QVF Election Training:** Clerk Green has requested that she and receptionist Sarah Hogue attend an all-day election training in Grand Rapids on Tue., Jan. 14, 2020. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to pay up to \$350 for two people to attend the training to reimburse for mileage and pay hourly wages for Sarah. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried.
- **Independent Contractor Agreement Policy:** Table this issue.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** Nothing.
- **Tree Marketing Program:** Warmbein informed that Shiphshewana Hardwoods looked at the timber, and quoted \$1,700 for the cemetery area and \$8,172 for the balance of the trees, for a total of \$8,172.00. Two months ago, Great Lakes Trees quoted \$16,000 for 120 trees.
- **Public Comments:** It was suggested that we also install surge suppression on the park cameras, as we did for the Township building.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk