



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, March 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Gary Sommers.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN: Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein; Members Absent: Michelle Tackitt

Sommers indicated that this was a Public Hearing which had been published in the newspaper which was called to determine if the Board should entertain putting a 2-year, one mill, millage on the 2020 taxes, since it was brought to the attention of the Board by the Berrien County Road Dept. ("BCRD") at our annual roads meetings in 2018 and 2019 that the Township could levy up to 3 mills for local roads' maintenance/improvement, according to MCL 247-670a. Questions were asked by the public, with an ensuing discussion. It was indicated that we could lose \$47,000 in matching funds from BCRD if we are not able to match funds.

This issue had been run by Attorney Sara Senica, and she suggested we hold a public hearing to get the general views of the public. She updated and provided resolution verbiage to the Township Board for Resolution 2020-04, entitled 'Weesaw Township Board Resolution Pursuant to MCL 247.670a; 1 (One) Mill, 2 (Two) Year, Property Tax Levy for the Maintenance/Improvement of Local Roads so Designated by Weesaw Township within the Township of Weesaw For Levy Beginning with Tax Year 2020 Winter Taxes". The board listened to comments from the few who were present at the public hearing. There were comments from Fire Dept. personnel regarding the extensive wear and tear on the fire trucks due to a number of the local roads' poor condition.

Since the Township Board can levy up to three mills, and our present road millage ended with the winter 2019 tax collections, our proposal is to levy one mill for two years, which would be a renewal of what has been in place for the past six years. In addition, as indicated previously, if we do not have a road millage in place, we will lose the BCRD matching funds which are \$47,000. If there is no road millage, our road rebuilding will stop on our local roads due to lack of funds.

Public Comments: Heard throughout the meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk