



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 17, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:05 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers. Members Absent: Michelle Tackitt
- **BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT REP:** Deputy Sheriff Chad Chartrand was present for questions. He reported a number of break-ins, for other areas. Jack Dodds informed Deputy Chartrand that there is graffiti in Mill Road Park again. Stats had been faxed to the Township for the period of 04/01-04/30/15: 26 complaints, 4 tickets issued, 2 arrests.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Sommers requested that we add a conversation he had with Ron Sanford/GRSD to the Agenda. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to amend the Agenda with the GRSD conversation added under New Business. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Resident Victor Palulis requested to speak with the Enforcement Officer and Supervisor McKamey during the Building, Zoning & Enforcement Agenda item, to which was agreed.
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Jones requested that on the May 20 minutes that the following be changed: Under New Business/Cemeteries' Signs, change verbiage from "in both 'signs'" to read "in both 'cemeteries'" and under Recognizing Conditions . . . , change verbiage from "plated" to "insured". Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 05/20/2015 as amended, and the Special Board Minutes of 6/10/15 as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:** Correspondence copies provided to Board.
- **APPROVE EXPENDITURES:** Motion by Jones, supported by McKamey, to approve the expenditures as presented in the following amounts: General Fund \$12,711.02; Fire Dept. \$4,217.10; Ambulance \$2,386.27; Sewer \$4,727.68 for a Grand Total of \$24,042.07. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Sommers, Jones, Green -- Tackitt absent), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - **Treasurer:** Tackitt was not present for this part of the meeting. Will pick up Treasurer's report when she arrives.
 - **Fire Dept.:** Assistant Fire Chief Daryl DeRossi gave a verbal report: 2 calls last month: 1 rollover crash, 1 garage fire. The parades went well, and three firefighters graduated Firefighter 1 and 2 (Cody, Jay, Benjamin). The Safety Committee will meet with Tim later re. remodeling the meeting room and also 3 firefighters' applications. Also, there will be a special meeting for Board's approval of the policies/guidelines.
 - **Building, Zoning & Enforcement Reports:** Victor Palulis requested to speak regarding the 04/14/2015 meeting pertaining to enforcing the ordinances. He had a number of questions of McKamey. McKamey responded that the board will not go out looking for problems. There must be a signed complaint form. She indicated the Township Board

is sending out a letter to the taxpayers along with the tax bills conveying options that are available to residents, e.g., dump passes up to \$25, recycling. Robert Krauss, Zoning Ordinance Officer, also provided information.

- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Metz reported that the Planning Commission will be scheduling a Public Hearing on the Master Plan. Minutes provided.
- **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** No meeting. Sommers mentioned there are trees that need to be removed in Mill Road Park and he needs to talk with Milt Sluder regarding this issue. Motion by Sommers, supported by Jones, to give Sommers permission to talk with Milt Sluder to determine who's going to pay for removing the trees. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Treasurer Tackitt arrived at 7:58 p.m.**
Graffiti and Furniture dumped: An old sofa was dropped off in the Mill Rd. Park and the bridge was tagged again with graffiti. Jack Dodds researched prices for reward signs. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to purchase two "reward" signs from Dornbos Signs, 12x18" at \$27.70 each for Mill Road Park, plus hardware and post, up to \$100 maximum. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Tackitt, Sommers, Jones, McKamey), motion carried.
- **Treasurer:** Bank balances provided. Tackitt reported that taxes will be mailed on 07/01/2015, with 2 inserts.
- **Road Committee:** Minutes provided. Sommers provided an overview of the minutes. Jack Dodds and Jim Pastryk went to a meeting at B.C.R.C. today. There was a crowd there picketing, mostly from Pipestone Township. The grinding of up to 26 miles of their roads has been postponed for 6 months. B.C.R.C. promised to revisit the plan for Pipestone and Weesaw.
- **Website Committee:** No meeting.
- **Drains Committee:** The Township will be assessed for a total of \$4,046.88. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to present resolutions from Weesaw Township protesting assessments so it will go on record. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Green, Jones, Sommers), motion carried. Sommers to get with Green regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Schedule Truth-in-Taxation Hearing:** Assessor Angie Kirby notified the Clerk that time for the annual Truth-in-Taxation Hearing is once again upon us. Green will contact Angie to see when would be a good time to schedule the Hearing.
- **Approve Disposal of Obsolete Township Items:** There are items that should be taken to the dump as they are no longer usable. The Fire Dept. has a broken desk chair that needs replacement. Sommers and Jones will see that a new chair is purchased for the Fire Dept, as well as getting rid of the old one. Green to provide a dump pass for removal of broken/obsolete items. Jack Dodds will put an ad on Craig's List and the website to sell the residential playset that the Township Board has been informed by our insurance company is not suitable for the park. Offers will have a 2 weeks, best offer, bidding timeframe.
- **Ron Sanford, GRSD:** Mr. Sanford is getting a bid together to provide to us to replace a controller on the Wee-Chik Rd. lift station.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Approve Letter Re D'Agostino SLU:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to send a letter relating to D'Agostino's bonding to Atty. Sara Bell, D.A. D'Agostino and Atty. Howard Kahne as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Attorney Bell Update:** Green provided an emailed update to the Board from Attorney Sara Bell relating to issues that are open and pending.
- **Clerk's Computer Replacement:** Green reported that she had asked PC Consultants to contact McKamey, as she was requested last month at the board meeting. Since McKamey has not heard from him, Green stated that she did not want a rebuilt computer.

- **Condensation of Cemetery Signs:** Jack Dodds condensed the Cemetery Rules to make the signs more cost-effective. Green wants to meet with Sommers to discuss the new version. Dodds provided a bid: 4'x5' \$235 each, from Dornbos Signs. We would need signs for both cemeteries.
- **Metro Act "Fund Use Guidelines:** Green contacted the Local Community Stabilization Authority/Lansing, MI for information relating to the Metro Act which lays out how the Township can use the funds. She provided a copy to all the Board members so everyone is aware of the rules.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- **ADJOURN:** Motion by Jones, supported by McKamey, to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk