



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers 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, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** The Sheriff's representative has not yet arrived.
- In Remembrance: In gratitude and remembrance of Mary Ann Wittlieff, former Township Clerk, Safety Committee, Planning Commission and Board of Review member, who passed away 11/17/16. Mary Ann served the Township with fortitude and diligence. She will be remembered as a truly dedicated, highly-regarded, outstanding lady who loved to serve her community and always spoke out for what she believed was right. Mary Ann's outspoken wit will be sorely missed. R.I.P. A pause for a moment of silence in her memory was observed.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein to add Training for Fire Dept. to the agenda. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **FIRE DEPT:** Fire Chief Tim Williams reported 2 calls, 1 structure stand-by for Buchanan, 1 unattended fire. In addition to the meetings in December, he reported Firefighter 1 & 2 is going well; Brittney Williams was nominated for an award in February in Lansing; he also requested hiring Dennis Barker as a new firefighter. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to hire Dennis Barker as firefighter contingent upon his passing a background check. He must also pass Firefighter 1 & 2 classes, upon approval to take the classes, in the future. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- Training for 4 Firefighters: There are two classes for the firefighters that Fire Chief Williams requested that 3 of the firefighters take: 1) Firefighting Strategies & Tactics; Ben Nelson, Donnie Johnson II, and Cody Shepherd; \$35 per man for a total of \$105.00. 2) Educational Methodology; Ben Nelson, Donnie Johnson II; Cody Shepherd; \$50 per man for a total of \$150. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers. to approve the firefighters listed above to attend the two classes at a total amount of \$255.00. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Green, Sommers Warmbein, King). It was mentioned these classes are state certified.
- Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve the purchase of 20 "Lifetime" chairs for up to \$500 from Rural King, Niles. The cost per chair is \$23 each. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Warmbein, Tackitt, Green), motion carried. Sommers has a rain check for the chairs which is valid until February 20.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** Lt. Sheriff Bob Mazurek arrived and presented the stats for Weesaw Township for the period of 10/1-10/31/2016), as follows: Complaints: 26; Tickets issued 0; Arrests 1.

- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Tackitt, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 11/16/16 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of 11/21/16, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
 - Robbins Drain Notice of Day of Review. Sommers reported that Weesaw Township's share of the one-year assessment is \$100.
 - Tree Trimming Notice (no action by Board)
 - John Edwards, Jr. note to Township Board. Sommers requested that Robert Krauss look into this issue regarding dead ash trees on the Township's newly-purchased property abutting John Edwards' property.
- **APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:**
Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers to change the Accounts Payable by deleting Staples Credit Plan, Calculator ribbons \$12.99 (as it was a duplication) which amends the total of General Fund Expenditures to \$23,174.18, and the Grand Total to \$48,864.18, other total expenditures were as follows: Fire Dept. \$19,488.15; Ambulance \$2,244.77 and Sewer \$3,956.98, and to approve the expenditures as amended. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Warmbein, King, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Tackitt – bank balances provided. Tackitt reported that the winter taxes were coming in.
 - **Enforcement Officer Report:** Krauss reported that 3 of the enforcement issues were being addressed in court; that he had appeared in court with Atty. Sara Bell for these issues. One of the supposed violators had an attorney; and the others represented themselves. The Court indicated they had 45 days to come to an agreement, to advise what they're going to do to make the issues better. On February 13 there will be a formal hearing, if not resolved prior to that time. One owner reported that she was going to take the house down and live in a trailer on the property. Krauss wants to have a meeting between Bob Kaufman, Dave Rigozzi and himself. Krauss informed that Atty. Sara Bell wants to talk with Sommers to see where we want to go with these enforcement issues.
 - **Building/Zoning Administrator:** Zoning Report provided by Bob Kaufman.
 - **Planning Commission Minutes:** October minutes provided. No meeting scheduled for December.
 - **Parks & Rec. Committee:** The ADA tabletop and brackets were received, and will be replaced later when the weather permits. Cemetery: The water at the New Troy Cemetery has been shut off due to two hydrants leaking. Decorating: Sommers reported that 8 wreaths were purchased to put up for Christmas. The weather has prevented this from happening. They will be used during the next Christmas season in 2017.
 - **Roads Committee:** Sommers reported that there was not a Roads Committee meeting this month. In addition, four trees have been cut down so far by B.C.R.C.
 - **Website:** Nothing to report.
 - **Drains Committee:** Sommers advised that there is nothing further to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Dangerous Buildings Documents.** Documents were provided to board members relating to Dangerous buildings. A letter was composed and written to State Building Inspector Dave Rigozzi requesting that the State make a determination as to a number of structures being dangerous buildings. Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to approve sending the letter of 12/21/16 to Mr. Rigozzi. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the list of possible dangerous buildings to be sent to the State for determination. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein to adopt Resolution 2016-11

Request that the State Building Inspector Inspect Structures for Dangerous Building Determination. Roll call vote all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, Green, Warmbein, King), motion carried.

- **Reschedule January 2017 Regular Board Meeting to 1/11/2017:** Motion by Green, supported by King, to reschedule the January 2017 meeting to Wednesday, January 11, 2017, due to a conflict in Sommers' schedule. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Township Updates:** Sommers advised that he would like to get started on the FY 2017-18 Budget earlier this year; that he realizes it is his responsibility, but he would like to have the other Board members have input in developing the budget. King mentioned that he would be gone the last week of January through the 1st week in March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty.Sara Bell Update:** Nothing to report.

▪ **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

▪ **ADJOURN:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk