



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey 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, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** Had not arrived at that time.
- **KRUGGEL, LAWTON & CO, AUDITORS:** – Audrey Salesberry, Representative, presented an audit review for FY2015-16. The township received an unmodified opinion, which is the best that we can get. All the cost centers are on a positive note, except the ambulance, due to the fact that there are no income revenues taken in on an annual basis for this cost center. The debt includes all debts and assessments. She thanked the board members who provided information for the audit – Green, Sommers, Tackitt.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by Green, supported by Jones, to accept the agenda as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Not present.
- **FIRE DEPT:** Firefighter Donnie Johnson reported two calls – 1 vehicle fire, and a personal injury accident. Training also. The Halloween Trick or Treat is scheduled for Sat., 10/29/16 5-7 p.m.; and the Halloween party sponsored by the New Troy Fire Brigade will take place after Trick or Treat at about 7:00 p.m.
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Tackitt, supported by Jones, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Wed., 9/21/16 and Special Board Meetings of Wed., 9/14/16 and Tue., 9/27/16, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
  - A number of emails and correspondence were presented to the board for review.
- **BOARD APPROVAL FOR AUDIT:** Sommers brought up the fact that the audit approval listed previously on the Agenda was overlooked. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve the FY2015-16 Audit previously presented and reviewed by Audrey Salesberry of Kruggel, Lawton & Co., as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, McKamey, Jones, Green), motion carried.
- **APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:**  
Having reviewed the payables earlier in the afternoon, motion by Trustee Jones, supported by Trustee Sommers, to approve the expenditures as presented: General Fund \$12,619.03; Fire Dept. \$5,147.56; Ambulance \$2,461.27; Sewer \$20,119.19; other (Lynn St. Water Assessment )

\$5,846.45; for a Grand Total of \$46,193.50. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Sommers, Green, Jones), motion carried.

▪ **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Tackitt – bank balances provided (investment CD’s provided to Board). Tackitt reported the winter tax bills will be mailed December 1, 2016, and will be due the last day of February 2017.
- **Enforcement Officer Krauss arrived at 7:10 p.m.** Enforcement Officer, Robert Krauss, reported he had met with B/Z Administrator, Bob Kaufman, and had spoken to a number of people about the Wolford project (They are moving in a double-wide, used manufactured home to replace an old one on California Rd, which will be demolished and removed.) **Enforcement:** Krauss has received clarification from the Niles Court and can now reissue tickets to 5 people who have already received letters to clean up their properties. He will go forward with enforcement issues.
- **Building/Zoning Administrator:** Robert Kaufman provided the zoning report. In the report one of the issues he reported was the following, “The Berrien County Health inspector has raised concerns about the potentially hazardous condition of the Wolverine Gardens Tavern and has requested that we involve the building inspector to provide a hazardous building inspection. This must be facilitated by an official written request.” Kaufman will pursue this line of action.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** LSL is closing their Grand Rapids office. This firm has been our zoning consultant for a number of years. Metz wants to check with other townships to see who they are using as their zoning consultant prior to our selecting a new consultant.
- **Parks & Rec. Committee:** Sommers reported the signs for the Mill Rd. Park have been installed in the Park.
- **Cemetery Report:** Sommers reported the cemetery rules have been installed in each cemetery. Two hydrants in the New Troy Cemetery have not been completed by McCarty Well Drilling yet (We have not paid for them either.). All the hydrants have been straightened.
- **B.C. SHERIFF’S DEPT. REPORT:** Deputy Sheriff Pifer arrived and provided the statistics for Weesaw Township (8/1-8/31/16) as follows: 17 complaints; 6 tickets; 1 arrest.
- **Roads Committee:** No meeting, thus no minutes.
  - **Board Approval of 2017-18 Road Plan:** Sommers reported that the 2017-18 Road Plan had been created and provided to the Road Committee. The proposed incoming millage money vs. proposed planned expenditures for the Township would be somewhat tight. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to approve the 2017-18 Road Plan as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, McKamey, Jones, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
  - **Tree cutting in the Township:** Sommers report that the B.C.R.C. provided an estimate to cut dead trees cut in the Township in the amount of \$12,000. Sommers told them to stop at \$3,500. Tackitt reminded that B.C.R.C. said they would pay for the trees needing cut on the primary roads. **Pardee Rd:** Sommers also reported Pardee Rd. is bad again. He will contact B.C.R.C. and ask them about a solution. Perhaps they can fill the holes and get rid of the wash boarding.
- **Website Committee:** Mike Metz reported the website is up and working.
- **Drains Report:** Sommers reported that the drain in New Troy at California and Glendora Rds. has not been repaired yet. Sommers will check into this issue to see if it can be resolved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Resolution 2016-10:** There was discussion of the project that was approved last month to write a grant to purchase surveillance equipment for the Township Hall and Fire Department areas. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve Resolution

2016-10 relative to Green's writing a grant for up to \$5000 to Par Plan and if approved to purchase surveillance equipment for the Township Hall and Fire Dept. areas due to some inappropriate and alarming activity in the past at the Township Hall. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Jones, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried.

- **Snowplowing Bids**: Two bids were received for snowplowing for the township properties. Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt, to approve Burkholder Excavating to provide snowplowing, as needed, for the upcoming winter season contingent upon his providing Workers Compensation and liability insurance documents. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Green, Tackitt, McKamey, Jones), motion carried.
- **Appoint Election Inspectors for 11/8/16 Election**: Motion by Tackitt, supported by Green, to appoint the following as Election Inspectors for the 11/8/16 election: Doreen Cox, Jean Hallen (1/2 day) Ruth Heidinger (chair), Ann Howell (1/2 day), Jeannine Krieger, Elizabeth Palulis (Receiving Board), Lori Pastryk (Receiving Board), Ruby Schaffer (alternate), Lisa Riva, Donna Wines, Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, McKamey, Tackitt, Sommers, Jones), motion carried.
- **Approve Purchase of Sandwiches & misc. for Election**: Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to approve up to \$60 to purchase sandwiches and miscellaneous items for the election inspectors during the election. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, McKamey, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried
- **Reappoint ZBA Members**: The following Zoning Board of Appeals members' terms have expired as of 4/2016: Jack Dodds, Craig Strauss. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to reappoint Jack Dodds and Craig Strauss for 3-year terms retroactive to April 2016, and to expire April 2019. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Atty.Sara Bell Update**: Nothing to report.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: Pardee Rd. issue was revisited. Wagner Rd. trees.
- **ADJOURN**: Motion by Green, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green  
Clerk