



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 18, 2022

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call by Clerk Green: Members present: Wanda Green, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein; Absent: Art King (arrived late, due to prior commitment), Michelle Tackitt

Berrien County Sheriff Dept.: No representative present. Report provided by Office of the Sheriff: for the period of 03/01/2022 – 03/31/2022; activity within the Township: 29 Complaints, 1 ticket, 1 arrest.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to set the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** Home Owner Evelyn Vines, questioned zoning applications.
- **Accounts Payables Report:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Accounts Payables expenditures as presented as follows: General Fund \$10,832.47; Fire Dept. \$9,299.88; Ambulance \$2,513.00; Sewer \$3,996.81, for a grand total of \$26,642.16.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Krauss provided a verbal report regarding the 2 burned-out house properties on California Rd and other issues and permits on which he has been working.
- **James Pelletier, Broadband Internet Committee Report:** Mr. Pelletier provided a verbal report regarding the past month's broadband activity. He indicated it would cost 280k upwards to get broadband to the entire township. The next broadband meeting is scheduled for June 6, 6:00 p.m. He should have more information by the next board meeting on June 15. The Township is 6th in line in working with the county. October 31 is the deadline to turn in application.
- **Water/Sewer Hook-ups Request by Lowell West:** Mr. West is requesting that the township write a letter to Lake Township Water Dept. to authorizing their providing these services to Mr. West's property on Browntown Rd. These lines are not Weesaw Township's water/sewer assessments. He had these utilities at the property that was sold (it was split in the past), and he wants to have them at his shop that he still owns and has plans make future living quarters. Mike Metz indicated that the township board might want to check with the attorney about this. Sommers will contact the attorney to ensure this will not create problems in the future.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** A verbal was provided by Fire Chief Ted Nitz: He requested that the Fire Dept. be moved to the beginning of the agenda. He reported 5 calls last month – 3 grass and 2 auto accidents; truck checks, safety meeting. Training was jaws and extrication.
- **Other:** Intersection of California and Sawyer Rds. He requested that a light be placed at this intersection due to accidents in the past. Sommers told him to contact Michael Yingling at the County, as he would be the person who could handle this issue. Sommers will contact Road Commission regarding this issue.
- **Donation and possible grants:** Grants have been written by Nitz and Jeff Starbuck. The fire dept. has also received a sniffer for carbon monoxide through Jeff Starbuck, which was donated by Dinges Fire Co. The township has to purchase a charger for it. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Green, to approve up to \$200 to purchase the charger. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, Warmbein), motion carried. Water was donated to Weesaw Township Fire Dept. They will send a thank you from the Fire Dept. Ted also mentioned a Letter of Declaration that is required.

- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the Special Board Meeting and Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2022 and the Special Board Meeting of April 13, 2022, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.,

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt was not in attendance. The bank balances were provided.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** The "unapproved" planning commission minutes were provided.
- **Cemetery Committee:** No additional bid provided for removal of trees in New Troy Cemetery.
- **Roads Committee:** Sommers mentioned a street in Glendora that is being requested to be repaired by helper of property owner. Sommers indicated that the street is not in the 6-year plan., but a Road Dept. spokesman indicated that maintenance on that street would be as on other roads.
- **Website Committee:** Mike Metz indicated that there has been rough-in work of Broadband.
- **Drains Committee:** Work order received from the Drains Dept. for Blue Jay Drain.
- **Parks Committee:** Approval requested for five 5-ft. long benches to be built by Terry Hanover at \$100/bench (total of \$500).
- **King arrived.**

At 8:30: Motion by Sommers, supported by King, extend the meeting to 8:45 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- **Continue Parks Committee:** Sommers reported they want to place 2 benches on Terrill's Trail and 3 on other trails being developed (all trails on property owned by Weesaw Township). Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve \$500 for the cost of the benches. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Sommers, King, Green), motion carried.

New Business:

- **Park Driveway:** Sommers indicated he is to meet with a 3rd contractor for the driveway next week. Requesting clean concrete without rebar or wire. Hopefully more information next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No report.
- **Public Comments:** Question about driving golf carts on the roads.

Adjournment: Motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk