



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



**Special Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sommers at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein. Michelle Tackitt arrived at 9:02 a.m.

**Set/Amend Agenda Items:** No changes made.

**Purpose of Meeting:**

1) **Board approval of 4-year Fire Protection Renewal Millage:** Verbiage & Resolution 2018-10 to adopt millage language. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the 4-year Fire Dept. Millage verbiage and Resolution 2018-10 to adopt millage language. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green, Tackitt), motion carried. The millage language will be provided to the Berrien County Clerk's office for placing on the November 6, 2018, ballot by Clerk Green.

2) **Board's Approval of Action of Fire Chief Ted Nitz in dismissal of firefighter:** After discussion and the scenario provided by Safety Committee members, motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to accept Fire Chief Ted Nitz' recommendation of dismissal as follows, "*according to policy 2018-2, part Q of Section 4, Daryl (DeRossi) has been relieved of Service*", as of August 2, 2018. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The dismissal form that was presented to the Board of Trustees for approval was also signed by other Fire Dept. Officers Scott McKamey and Adam Williams. Upon receipt, a copy of the police report is to be provided by Fire Chief Nitz. Other documents pertinent to this issue were also provided to the board members.

3) **Discussion:** Fire Dept. Physical Exams: There was discussion of physical exams for the Fire Dept. personnel. It was suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Larry Harwood/Harwood & Associates, LLC., who performed the Fire Dept. Safety Audit in June, to inquire as to whether or not a physical exam is required or if an agility test would suffice to meet OSHA requirements. Green will write the letter to Mr. Harwood. Three quotes for providing physicals were also presented by the Safety Committee, with Bio-Care being the most economical at \$400 + fee to bring exam vehicle (amount depending upon how many municipalities are involved in the exams). The next screening Bio-Care will have that the Fire Dept. can be a part of will be in October. Other discussion ensued regarding this issue.

4) **Tube on Gardner Rd. and other Gardner drain issues:** Sommers informed the Board of issues regarding several drainage tubes on Gardner Rd., for which several Township board members had received complaints from residents. Sommers contacted the Rd. Commission regarding the tube on Gardner Rd. between Elm Valley & Galien-Buchanan Rds., as it is a safety issue. Barricades were placed; however, they have since been moved. King suggested the Road Div. slide a new tube inside the old one. Sommers will contact the B.C.R.D. to see if this is feasible. It was related by Jason Latham/BCRD to Sommers that they are waiting on a permit from the DEQ to place a longer tube for safety's sake. Another issue is related to another drain on Gardner Rd. north of Glendora Rd. It appears it is not known who is responsible for this tube. It is being researched.

In addition, Sommers provided a letter received from State of MI, Dept. of State Police, relating to the flooding that occurred 2/19-21/2018, wherein they conditionally approved financial assistance

funding in the amount of \$27,870 for expenses incurred in responding to the disaster. He will keep abreast of this.

Another dangerous road issue was brought forth by Sommers. He is looking into possible remedies for all these problems with the applicable authorities.

**Public Comments:** No public present.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green  
Clerk