



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m. 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.
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** No representative present. No report received prior to meeting.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to accept the agenda as is. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Hearing of Persons Present on Agenda Items:** Sommers asked if anyone present wanted to speak. Brad Paquette, candidate for State Representative, requested to be added to the Agenda. Motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to provide time for Mr. Paquette to speak. He provided his past experience in the education field and requested support.
- **Prior Requests to Speak:**
 - **Jeff Jackson** – not in attendance
 - **Michael Thomas:** spoke regarding his property's drain issues (former Trapp Farm on CA Rd.). He had previously spoken with R. Kaufman (Zoning Administrator) regarding his complaints and sent a letter to Drain Commissioner Quattrin regarding his ongoing complaints. The letter was presented to the board for their review.
 - **Paul Backus:** Requested of the board to put together a fundraiser to provide additional recycling funds to repair the damage done to the parking lot by the recycling bin. Backus also requested to be put on the Agenda for the August meeting to present his proposed fundraiser event.
 - **Robert Krauss (Enforcement Officer) Presentation:** Robert Krauss presented a slideshow highlighting the work having been done and to be done in the future regarding past complaints. Michael Gabriel, 2418 Wagner Rd., who had also requested to speak at the meeting, related his issue during Robert Krauss' report during the code enforcement complaints being worked: An email regarding this property was also presented. Krauss will provide additional information next month at the board meeting. Krauss provided an email of work completed and scheduled work to be performed at 14170 Log Cabin Rd. He questioned if we should give the owner, Josh Wisner, a 30-day extension, with inspection in another 30 days. This ongoing project will be discussed again next month also.
- **Fire Dept. Report (written/oral):** A verbal/written report presented by Acting Fire Chief Daryl DeRossi. reported **6 Calls:** 1 grass fire, 1 vehicle accident, 2 alarms, 2 power lines down; **Training/Maintenance:** Pump operation training; **Meetings:** Monthly truck checks, quarterly safety meeting. Hosted B.C. Firefighters Assn. dinner meeting. Sommers questioned if the Fire Dept. had attended events and parades in the past month and if Special Events Forms had been completed. DeRossi stated he wasn't really aware what parades were attended by the Fire Dept. They were at the Weesaw Township Memorial Day Parade; he thought they were at the Galien Parade, Baroda Fireworks, Flag Day/3 Oaks. He replied he didn't know it was required to fill out Special Events Forms for these events. Sommers will look into this issue with our Insurance Company.
 - **Fire SCBA Grant Feedback:** Mr. Stover reported he's heard nothing yet. He will look into the issue and let the board know what's happening.

- **Bids for Antenna Replacement (Damaged by windstorm in 2017):** Two bids were received one from Tele-Rad \$1,223.55 and the other from HEI Wireless \$2,851.51. Green asked if all things are equal regarding the specs. quoted by the two bidders, and was told they are equal. Motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, with all things equal to accept the lower bid from Tele-Rad for \$1,223.55. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, Warmbein, King, Green), motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of Wed., June 20, 2018, and the Special Board Minutes of Tue., June 26, 2018, and Tue, July 10, 2018, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:**
 - BC Local Emergency Planning Committee Handout to Board Members
- **Approve Accounts Payable Monthly Expenditures Report:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the Accounts Payables as follows: General Fund \$14,870.44; Fire Dept. \$3,854.45; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Sewer Fund \$8,464.55 (Tackitt to hold the GRSD check in the amount of \$8,136.29 until after Sommers talks with Mr. Histed/GRSD about this billing), Total of all Expenditures: \$29,400.71. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Tackitt, King, Green, Sommers), motion carried. It was suggested that in the future the sewer billing repairs be paid with a separate check.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt provided the bank balances, and reported that an Ambulance CD had matured. She transferred a portion to the Ambulance checking account, and the balance in another CD at 2.35%. She also provided the recycling report. It was advised that she let Jill Adams know prior to the township running out of recycling funds.
- **B/Z Administrator Report:** Zoning Report provided by Bob Kaufman.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** April 23, 2018, minutes provided.
- **Parks/Recreation:** Minutes of 6/19/18 provided. It was recommended to purchase a grill, which conforms to ADA requirements for the Weesaw Township Park. Jack Dodds will contact Marcy Hamilton, SW MI Planning Commission, re. the BCF grant that was not received. After discussion regarding the items to purchase for the park, motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to purchase a Pilot Rock Heavy Duty grill for the Weesaw Township Park for \$163.99 (shipping free), an ADA 96x62" table from Zoro at \$581.78 (free shipping), and a Park Rules sign from Dornbos 18x24". \$66.10, for a total of \$811.87. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
- **Cemetery Committee:** The Glendora Cemetery survey was completed; however, stakes have not been installed yet. King will provide the stakes at a cost of \$3.00 each.
- **Road Committee:** In the interest of time constraints, Sommers asked that everybody read the minutes. Motion by Tackitt, supported by Green, to approve the "Notice" dated 7/18/18; Subject: Roadwork on Glendora Rd. for handout to residents and concerned citizens. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Website Committee:** No report.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers and Warmbein will attend the Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Review of Apportionments meeting on TU, July 24, relating to Wolf Creek and Ott & Krieger Drains.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fire Chief Resignation Accepted:** Two "Draft" letters were provided to the board members for review to officially accept the resignation of Tim Williams as Fire Chief, since he indicated he "quit" in a media message to Interim Fire Chief DeRossi. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to mail the letter (without mention of return of equipment) by Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested to Tim Williams. According to Interim Fire Chief DeRossi, Williams' equipment has already been returned. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica update:** Nothing to report.

- **Resolution #2018-09, Adopt Required Receiving Board for 2018 Election Cycle:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to adopt Resolution #2018-09 “Establishing a Receiving Board for 2018 Election Cycle . . .” Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

- **Public Comments:** Evelyn Vines informed the board that she and her husband have the Mill Rd. Park table that was thrown in the river years ago by vandals, and the Board can have it back if someone picks it up. Sommers and Jack Dodds will go look at it to see if it is repairable for possible use in the park. Also, there was a question about replacement of the antenna for the Fire Dept.

ADJOURN: Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk