



**Weesaw Township  
New Troy, MI 49119**



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

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 those who were present.

**Roll Call by Clerk Green:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein

**Berrien County Sheriff's Dept.:** No deputies were present this month. A 4-page Report was provided via fax by the Office of the Sheriff for the period 01/01-01/31/2024. There were 27 complaints worked, 0 ticket issued and 4 arrests.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** (Sommers reiterated the rules of the meeting as designated each Regular Board Meeting of the recent past – do not interrupt, 3 minutes only, raise hand to speak.)
- **Public Comments;** No public comments as that time.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer Report:** Krauss called and indicated that he was scheduled to meet with the Township's new attorney ( the following day.
- **Approve Monthly Expenditures:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the accounts payables in the following amounts: General Fund \$36,516.87; Fire Dept. \$17,863.75; Ambulance \$8,381.45; Sewer \$16,724.32, Other Cost Center–Sewer loan \$16,724.32; for a grand total of \$106,108.89. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Nitz reported 6 calls last month – 1 structure, 1 grass, 2 P.I. vehicle, 1 mutual aid and 1 medical call.
  1. A letter of gratitude was received from Larry Lear, Commander Wee-chik Post 518 American Legion, for the past support of the Firefighters at the Memorial Day Parade. Chief Nitz indicated that this year the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, 5/26/24. The parade begins in the Township parking lot at 2:00 p.m., and continues to the cemetery, with a service to follow at the cemetery. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the Memorial parade as indicated. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  2. Josh Wisner resigned the fire department as of 3/1/24, and was presented with a 20-yr. service plaque. According to payroll records, his starting date was 4/01/2006. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to accept Josh's resignation with gratitude for his years of service. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Chief Nitz requested that the Township Board move Travis Munday up to maintenance officer (which is not captain level). Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to approve this change in the maintenance officer. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  3. Chief Nitz announced that on Sunday, April 21, for four hours, the Fie Dept. is sponsoring an animal clinic – licensing and shot clinic for one's pets at the Township (rabies, distemper).
- **Broadband Internet Update:** James Pelletier was in attendance and reported that he had no new information regarding Broadband.

- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Regular Board Minutes of Wednesday, February 21, 2024, and Special Board/Budget Meeting Minutes of 02/09/24, 02/23/24, 03/04/24, 03/06/24, 03/09/24, 03/12/24, and 03/19/24. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Other Township Reports:**
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tackitt read her written report. Tackitt is attempting to cancel the credit/debit card machine with 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank, as it is costing the township \$105/month, with very little or no use per month. She has written a letter to the bank, which Sommers needs to sign, indicating that the person who signed the contract did not have authority to sign contracts on behalf of the township. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to edit the letter and forward it to the bank. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, Warmbein, Green, King), motion carried. It was indicated that only Sommers (the Supervisor) is permitted to sign contracts on behalf of the township, without a special dispensation from the board members, should the Supervisor not be available. It was suggested that Sommers look into this breach of protocol.
- **Parks Committee Update:** Sommers reported DNR grant information relating to the Weesaw Park.
- **Planning Commisssion:** 2 sets of prior minutes provided in packet.
- **Cemetery Committee:** Sommers indicated that the Columbaria are in the process of being built. It should be completed by the end of April, and will negotiate delivery with the shipper barring any problems. Resurfacing the driveways in the cemeteries are in the 2024-25 budget.
- **Road Report:** Sommers indicated that he will attempt to see that Wee-Chik Road is completed prior to the Memorial Day parade.
- **Website Committee:** Mike Metz reported on the activity of this committee.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers reported.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Audit bids:** The board voted to go with Siegfried Bryer, P.C., Portage, MI at a previous meeting.
2. **Mowing Bid:** Only one bid was received from Seeder & Co., motion to have Seeder do it again this year. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to have Seeder & Co. perform the mowing of township properties @ \$2,520/mowing. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, Warmbein, King, Green), motion carried. Sommers will monitor the mowing to see that it is only mowed as necessary. **Trees in Cemetery:** Sommers indicated that in the cemetery there are limbs that hit the tops of cars, and the board voted to have KC take them down.
3. **FY2024-25 Regular Board Meeting Schedule for Approval:** A copy of this schedule was provided to all in attendance. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the Township Board meetings only. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The Planning Commission will approve their meeting dates. Planning Commission Chair Mike Metz indicated that he has contacted the township new attorneys (with board approval) regarding changes to the Zoning book.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No updates from Atty. Senica.

- **Public Comments:**
  - George McManus was present and spoke regarding his run for Commissioner in the upcoming elections.
  - Resident Lori Wallace indicated that she has been paying a sewer bill and does not have sewer – she mentioned that she had spoken with Atty. Sara Senica and Clerk Green about this in the past. She would like to have the sewer payments reimbursed. Sommers requested that Green contact Atty. Senica for a response. Green had spoken with her in the distant past and at that time told her that she would have to take her complaint to the board for any action, that she could not make changes herself, it needed to be brought before the township board.
  - King indicated that the township should send an enclosure with the next tax bills regarding trash pick-up in the township to find out how many residents may be interested.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green  
Clerk