



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sommers at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN: Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein; Members Absent: Michelle Tackitt

Set/Amend Agenda Items: No changes.

AGENDA ITEM:

Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin: Maps, other documents handed out by Mr. Quattrin. Other Interested Parties present: Robert DeVries; Abonmarche representative; Brenda Cook, Mr./Mrs. Krauss; Mike Metz. The special meeting was called to discuss the Robbins Drain and the Sober & Becker Drains. Two resolutions to be presented by Commissioner Quattrin. The representative from Abonmarche showed a drawing of the Sober & Becker Drain, which is between Snow and Browntown Rds., built in 1906. A culvert pipe has rusted and requires replacement. It was discussed as to what percentage each governmental entity directly involved would be expected to pay. Weesaw Township's share is one-third (1/3) percent, or \$41,500 (the drain is also in Lake Charter Township and a small portion in Baroda Township, in which they will also share a percentage) There were questions from the residents present as well as the Township Board members. There was other discussion regarding this drain. Mr. Quattrin advised Sommers to talk with John Gast/Lake Township Supervisor and Jason Latham/Berrien County Rd. Dept. Director regarding this issue to try to negotiate a more equitable amount for Weesaw Township.

TACKITT ARRIVED AT 11:00 A.M.

Sommers presented questions regarding problems existing with the 827 Blue Jay Drain, which were not addressed after a tour of the area a while back (where the tube problems remain present on Jerry Smith's property). Mr. DeVries said he would look at the problem to see what should be done to alleviate this problem. Mr. Quattrin advised that he is currently renegotiating a lower interest rate for the Blue Jay drain, which should prove to be a savings over the remaining years of the assessment (about 13 years).

Sommers handed out paperwork of township drain costs for the past 16 years. He also explained to Mr. Quattrin that we need to cap Weesaw Township's drain bills to no greater than \$50,000 annually, with the 2019 drains bills due the end of February 2020 being \$49,061.95. For a number of those drain assessments, this would be the final payment; thus, they will fall off the drains' assessment roll for next year. Mr. Quattrin said he will make every effort to keep our drain assessment under \$50,000. Drain Commissioner Quattrin suggested that we need to discuss our situation with our County Commissioner Ezra Scott also.

Robbins Drain: Robert DeVries spoke to the condition of this drain. The water is not flowing, and a clay tile needs to be replaced. The assessment is scheduled to be 4 years, of which the first year is 2019, and the remaining 3 years would be on the roll over the next 3 years. There are 30 parcels located in Weesaw Township. Weesaw Township's assessment is 20%. Another drain needing work is the Nimitz-Rantz drain.

Sommers read a resolution by the Farm Bureau about the drains that he had received at their meeting.

Sober & Becker Drain: Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to table the Sober & Becker drain resolution until they (Weesaw Township board officials) have had an opportunity to speak with Berrien County Road Dept. and Lake Township about the issue. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

Robbins Drain Resolution: Motion by Tackitt, supported by Warmbein, to adopt the Robbins Drain Resolution in the amount of \$14,927 over three additional years. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, King, Sommers, Green, Warmbein), motion carried.

Public Comments: Heard throughout the meeting

Adjourn: Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk