



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:01 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY CLERK GREEN:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** Sheriff's Dept. Representative was not present at this time. Report was faxed to the Township earlier with following township stats: Activity for Complaints: 24; Tickets Issued: 0; Arrests: 1
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Jones, supported by Tackitt, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of Wed., 03/16/16 and Special Board Meeting minutes of Thursday, 03/31/16 and Tuesday, 04/05/16, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
 - Michael Selden/MTA and BC Health Dept. -- No action taken relating to correspondence.
- **OTHER EXPENDITURES:** Board approval of expenditures for the following items:
 - Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve \$2,415.38 for camera equipment to The Tech. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Jones, Green), motion carried.
 - Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to approve \$3,472.93 to AEP for poles, electricity to Mill Rd. Park. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green, Sommers), motion carried.
 - Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to approve \$1380.00 to Wolverine Electric for electrical service installation in Mill Rd. Park. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Green, Sommers, Jones), motion carried.
- **APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:**

Jones stated that the payables report was over by .02 in Sandy McKamey's salary. Motion by Jones, supported by Sommers to approve the Accounts Payables report as amended as follows: General Fund \$14,822.18 (corrected amount); Fire Dept. \$3,740.30; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Sewer \$4,313.17; Lynn St. Water Note Payment \$983.27; for a corrected Grand Total of \$26,070.19. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Green, McKamey, Jones, Sommers), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Tackitt reported it has been quiet. The summer tax bills will be sent out July 1. She provided the bank balances report.
 - **Fire Dept. Report:** Verbal report by Assistant Fire Chief Daryl DeRossi: 2 calls reported: basement and brush in woods. DeRossi requested that the township approve and reimburse firefighter Donnie Johnson II in the amount of \$50 to attend the Fire Dept.

Instructors' Conference in Indianapolis. Not requesting mileage reimbursement this year. Motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to approve \$50 for firefighter Johnson to attend the conference in Indianapolis. Voice vote, all ayes (Jones, Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried. Sommers reported a discrepancy in the bid for additional wiring in the Fire Dept. to complete their renovation project and he will get another bid from another company.

- **Code Enforcement Officer**: Robert Krauss provided a report of his enforcement activity over the past month. He requested permission to speak with Attorney Sara Bell relating to enforcement. McKamey told him it was okay to contact the attorney for the blight issues. There are violators who may be getting citations in the near future and Atty. Bell has to sign them. He will also be contacting the B.C. Health Dept. and state inspectors to get involved where necessary. He will put a paragraph in the notice to go out with the summer tax bills. He will add to the report, complaints that are police issues too. He has received 25+ complaints.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT**: Sheriff's Dept. Representative Thad Chartrand arrived and spoke regarding shooting to contact the Sheriff's office on their local dispatch phone number. Residents from the Glendora area were upset at the atrocious appearance of a number of the properties and junk vehicles making the once pristine village an eyesore at this point. It was reported that one house didn't have water in the house, which would be a Health Dept. issue. After other discussion, Deputy Chartrand also mentioned bringing the speed camera down.
- **Building, Zoning, & Enforcement Reports** – Written report provided by Bob Kaufman.
- **Planning Commission Minutes**: Minutes provided. Metz mentioned that the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing regarding amendment of 2 issues in the Zoning Ordinance Book – Chapter 11, District Regulations to eliminate the 2.5-acre maximum lot size and an amendment to Chapter 2, General Provisions, Temporary Hardship Housing – that needed adoption by the Township Board of Trustees. Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt, to adopt the two amendments to the Zoning Book mentioned above as presented. They will become effective 7 days after publication. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, McKamey, Green, Jones, Sommers), motion carried. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to publish in the newspaper the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Book adopted above. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **Parks' & Rec. Committee**: The signs for the Mill Rd. Park what were vandalized previously have been received and will be installed. Jack Dodds mentioned editing of the Parks Plan which is up for renewal.
- **Road Committee**: Minutes provided. Sommers gave a brief overview of the minutes. The people on Elm Valley Rd., for the most part, are satisfied with the road. There was a suggestion for Larson Rd by B.C.R.C. representative – size #2 slag.
- **Website Committee**: Report by Mike Metz. Go Daddy is changing its rules. We have until the end of the year to decide what to do. Mike Metz and Jack Dodds who work with the website are looking into other web hosts to rebuild the website in Aug-Sept in order to switch over to WIX. They will be asking approval from the board down the road to go to WIX. Go Daddy no longer provides the calendar and other features we have been using in the past. Robert Krauss suggested we might want to look into Comcast. It was stated that Mike Metz and Jack Dodds provide their website expertise at no charge to the township.
- **Drains Committee**: Verbal by Sommers. Some farmers are expressing concerns about the Blue Jay Drain. Another issue of concern is a drain located South of Molly's Corner, in that the drain does not take water. Sommers contacted Milt Sluder/BCRC about the problem. It has been determined that the two drain inlets (one on east side of CA Rd. and the second on the West side of CA Rd need to be cleaned and are the responsibility of the B.C. Drain Commission. An additional request was made to clean the drain inlets on the N.E. corner of CA Rd. on the edge of J. Jones' lawn and Glendora, as it has not been taking in water very well. Also, reported this info to Milt Sluder.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Insert placed in with summer tax bills again relating to ongoing clean-up efforts:**
The insert from last summer's taxes was provided for review. Robert Krauss will provide a paragraph for the letter, and Green will edit and bring the letter back to the May board meeting for board's approval and/or editing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **GRSD:** Regarding lift station on Wee-Chik ongoing problems. No action taken.
 - **Attorney Sara Bell Update:** Information relating to the meeting for residents and Board regarding Blight: Attorney Bell provided 4 dates she could attend the Township to speak regarding the ongoing blight problem we have been experiencing. There will be a question/answer period. Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to ask Atty. Bell to attend a Special Meeting at the Township Hall and present information to the board and residents on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, McKamey, Sommers, Green, Tackitt), motion carried. Green will contact Atty. Bell to confirm this information and post the meeting.
 - **Victor Palulis – Blight suggestions:** Mr. Palulis presented several suggestions. McKamey requested that he save them for Atty. Bell's presentation and ask about them at that time.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Metz suggested that interested citizens look at the Berrien County website for places to take recyclables. Other comments.
 - **ADJOURN:** Motion by Green, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk