



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all in attendance.**

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

**Berrien County Sheriff's Department Representative Report:** Report provided. Deputy Sheriff not in attendance. Weesaw Township Activity for 09/01/2021-09/30/2021: Complaints 16, Tickets issued 1, Arrests: 1.

**Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to add Seeder & Co. removal of leaves from the New Troy Cemetery to the Accounts Payables in the amount of \$2,600. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approve Accounts Payables Monthly Expenditures Report:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the payables (with the addition of Seeder & Co. \$2,600) as follows: General fund \$19,275.08 Fire Dept. \$21,707.62, Ambulance \$2,416.34; Sewer \$5,084.54, for a Grand Total of \$48,483.58. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, King, Sommers, Tackitt, Warmbein), motion carried.

**Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Krauss provided a verbal report, a number of projects have arisen. He reported that the former Backus property was discovered to be unsecured. A Sheriff secured the door but it was discovered open again. The door was secured by the bank who is in charge of the property. Tackitt requested the address of the bank as the tax bill have been returned. Krauss will provide the address. He further advised that there had been a court order for the property beside the post office, which is 30 days, and the 30 days is up tomorrow (Dec.16). The township will probably need to bid out the clean-up. Krauss will speak with the attorney next week regarding the next step in this process. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to start the process to getting bids to clean up the property as soon as possible. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Krauss ordered ticket books at \$16.91 per book. Krauss will work on the property just down the street that is owned by the people who live in Grand Rapids as soon as he gets the ticket books in hand. Questions regarding properties in Glendora.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Ted Nitz reported 3 calls. Truck checks; no training this month.

1. Audit in January.
2. The new post office box number is 36.
3. Two sets of gear were received.
4. Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve three fire trucks to deliver two Christmas baskets. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
5. Regarding codes and access to FEMA (SAM) from Clerk, Warmbein will come in and set up this for the Fire Dept.
6. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to accept \$40 for 4 obsolete radios, per Sunny Communications proposal of their value, with the radios to be donated by the purchaser to Cass County Dive Team. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Sommers, King, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
7. AFG Grant – Several townships went in together to get new air packs – 5% match. We are looking at 15; which would be \$6,750 total match. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to apply for the AFG Grant with the other townships with a matching amount of

\$6,750. (Grant results in 6 months' time). Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried. West Shore Fire quote for air packs (if we don't get the air packs in the grant above). If we do get the grant, we can use the \$14,500 gas line grant for the \$6,750 matching amount.

8. MABAS Agreement – Green asked if we could get out of the Agreement, in the future if it was not a fit for the township. We can get out with a resolution. It was reported that there is free training provided. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to sign the MABAS agreement. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Tackitt, King, Sommers, Green [with reservation]), motion carried.

It being 8:30, motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to extend the meeting to 9:00 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**Other Township Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank balances provided by Tackitt. 2022-23 Tax Agreement between Weesaw Township & Berrien County Board of Commissioners. Motion by Tackitt, supported by Sommers, to continue to pay \$2,033 for two years for this agreement – the amount will probably be higher in the second year. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, King, Warmbein, Green), motion carried.

**Planning Commission:** No meeting until January 24, 2022.

**Cemetery Committee:** None – D.J./Seeder & Company cleaned the cemetery of leaves.

**Roads Committee:** None

**Website Committee:** None

**Parks Committee:** None – The 5-year plan is in effect. It is in the works to apply for a \$150,000 grant, with \$50,000 from the Township and \$100,000 from the grant.

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** Attorney Sara Senica update – Nothing received.

**Public Comments:** Metz indicated that the gas company being a public utility can do what they want to do. They are not subject to the township rules.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green,  
Clerk