



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Robert Warmbein. Members absent: None
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present. Report was not received this month.
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** Jerry Zelmer/Union Street was present to speak to the shooting of guns in New Troy within the residential areas. Township Board members have received complaints about gun fire too close to residential areas. Krauss spoke to this issue, and asked Mr. Zelmer to find out the police officer to whom he speaks in the future, so Code Enforcement Officer Krauss can follow up with the officer. Fire Chief Nitz spoke with the DNR regarding fireworks. He noted he was advised there is a 5-day period in which one may shoot off fireworks around a holiday.
- **Accounts Payables:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the Accounts Payable Report as presented in the following amounts: General Fund \$13,145.41, Fire Dept. \$4,092.90, Ambulance \$2,345.92, Sewer \$3,756.9, for a Grand Total of \$23,341.22. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Sommers, King, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **Tree Marketing Program Update:** Warmbein indicated that on Saturday, August 29, 10:00 a.m., Brett Kuipers (a forester) would be present to present an informational meeting at the Weesaw Township Park area regarding the trees for harvesting. Warmbein is still working with another gentleman who is knowledgeable about the trails, thus would be able to provide information regarding this issue.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Krauss was present and has been unable to contact our attorney regarding enforcement issues still pending. He has left message; however, her office is not open at this item. No update due to courts not being open for business. He can't write tickets at this time. The courts are backed up through September. A judgment was rendered for the property a couple of doors down from the Township Hall, however, the written judgment has been misplaced by the court.
- **Fire Dept Report:** Verbal report provided by Fire Chief Ted Nitz, reported 3 meetings – move air compressor, truck checks, pump operations; 5 calls – 1 grass fires, 1PI, 1 CO alarm, 2 utility calls calls. 2 firefighter resignations – Nick Granke and Justin Milliken.
 - A. Purchases for approval: Bio Care – 8 physicals. The price has gone up to \$3,900, and budgeted was \$3,000.
 - B. (2) 2-3/4-2-1/2 adapters \$300; (1) 5" 300; (1) high-voltage stick \$525 from Moses Fire Equip. Total \$1,125.00. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to

approve \$5,025 for items A & B above. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Tackitt, Sommers, Warmbein, Green), motion carried.

- C. Purchase of Class A Shirt; badges and brass; replacement patches, up to \$1,000. Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve item C for up to \$1,000.00. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Warmbein, Sommers, King, Green), motion carried.
- D. Credit Cards for fuel purchases. The credit card policy is required to be updated. Since this item was not placed on agenda, this issue will wait until next month for review and any action to be taken.

- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 17, 2020. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bank balances and CD balances provided. Tackitt would like to appoint her daughter Alyson as her Deputy Treasurer. After board inquiry regarding the possibility of her being bonded due to her being underage, motion by Green, supported by Warmbein, to table this issue until next month's meeting after speaking with the insurance company and revisit the issue next month. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **B/Z Administrator Bob Kaufman Report:** Written report provided by Kaufman. A paragraph in the report regarding BZA workload should be looked into by the Supervisor.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** No Planning Commission meetings have been held recently, thus no minutes. Next meeting will be Monday, July 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
- **Parks/Recreation:** No report.
- **Cemetery:** Sommers reported that there is still a headstone that was knocked over by a fallen tree limb.
- **Road Committee:** Sommers reported that the final coat for Wagner Road and Pardee Roads had been applied. Other roads have been worked on.
- **Website Committee:** No information available.
- **Drains:** Warmbein and Sommers met with John Gast, and it looks like our part of the Sober/Becker Drain will be much less than originally thought.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tabled Last Month: Phase 2 Sewer:** Motion by King, supported by Warmbein to table this issue and bring back up after elections have been completed.
- **Letter to Chad Sperry re. delinquent sewer:** Olson was going to follow up to see who was going to pay this. King will speak with Mr. Olson again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Atty. Sara Senica Update:** No input
- **Motion by Sommers, supported by King to extend the meeting time to 9:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.:** Tackitt had another meeting to attend and left this meeting.
- **Tues., August 4, Primary Election:** Approve Election Inspectors for August Primary; Ruth Heidinger (chair), Lori Pastryk, Ruby Schaffer, Vicki Hauch, Walter Brody, Peg Cullen. Approve Wendie Shafer's help with election tasks, approve Lori Pastryk and Vicki Hauch for Receiving Board Members, \$10.50/hr. for election inspectors; \$11.50/hr. for chair, stipend of \$15.00 for 2 Receiving Board members. Motion by Sommers, supported by King, to approve the foregoing items as requested. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green (Tackitt had left meeting)), motion carried.
- **Approve Resolution #2020-08:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to adopt Resolution #2020-08, "Resolution Establishing Receiving Board for the 2020 Election Cycle in Weesaw Township..." Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, King, Sommers, Green), motion carried.

- **More Election Action:** Approve purchase of sub sandwiches (Wal-Mart) and water for election workers: Motion by King, supported by Sommers, to approve purchase of sub sandwiches and water for the August primary election. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, King, Warmbein), motion carried.
- **Review/Update Zoning Fees:** Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to table this issue until the December meeting.

- **Public Comments:** question and comments.

Adjournment: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk