



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday August 21, 2024

- **Call Meeting to Order 7:00 P.M. by Gary Sommers**
- **The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- **Roll Call by Clerk Burcham:** Members Present: Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein, Michelle Tackitt, Erika Burcham. All Present
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** No representatives present. Report was briefly read through with 11 complaints with 1 arrest in the township.
- **Set/ Amend Agenda Items:** Tackitt asked to have EagleView Agreement added to agenda
 - Sommers to approve agenda with addition of the EagleView Agreement. Support by King with a voice vote: all aye. Motion carried
- **Supervisor Gary Sommers:** Sommers read and reminded audience of meeting rules.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:** Officer Krauss went through his report as to what all he has coming up and what has taken place over the past month. Krauss described to board and public the process for citations as per the attorney.
 - 2 zoning applications approved
 - 1 zoning application pending
 - No code enforcement
 - 2 pending code enforcement issues
 - 5 citations issued. With 4 properties having 2 citations a piece for different code enforcement citations.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items:** Amy Bryd was present to introduce herself and to give a brief background of her history and her running in November election.
- **Accounts Payable:** Sommers and Warmbein reviewed accounts payables earlier in the day. Motion by Warmbein with support from King to pay township bills in the amount: General Fund- \$65,233.84/ Fire Department- \$9,77.74/ Ambulance- \$375.00/ Sewer- \$10,766.03 for a total of: \$86,149.61. Roll call: Warmbein- Yes, King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried
- **Broadband Internet Update:** Nothing new provided. Website was provided to Clerk as was requested at the last meeting.
- **Fire Dept:** 3 calls for the month (1 P.I. accident, 1 burn, 1 Illegal burn) Safety meeting as well as a special meeting for the month. Chief Nitz informed the board that the painting of the truck bays is completed. Chief also informed that board and the public of the Fire Departments spaghetti dinner to be held on September 21st. Concerns were brought up about a fire fighter also working for the company from where the new fire truck was purchased. Nitz explained to the board that the fire fighter was only licensed in Indiana, that the wife was the representative

for MI. Chief did explain that he had talked with 2 other companies about prices of new fire trucks, HME was agreed upon being the company with the best price. New truck is scheduled to arrive towards the end of October.

- Department has talked about moving the date for National Night Out to a weekend starting next year. Chief was presented with multiple ideas for next year. Item was tabled for now to work on presented ideas.
 - Board to approve 2 new firefighters, James Ringo and Kimberly Gingell. Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to approve hire of new fire fighters pending background checks. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried
 - Air compressor service- Due for service, 1 or 2 sensors need to be checked. Estimated to not be more than \$1000. Machine was used for 1 demo at a show. Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to approve up to \$1000 to perform service on air compressor. Roll call: King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, motion carried.
 - Slide- Chief is wanting to taper hill in the park to level it out enough so that they will not need side stoppers in the coming years. Work and machinery is donated by an acquaintance of Chief Nitz. Wanting a 4” tapering at 20 feet wide. Parents must sign a liability release before child is even allowed on water slide. Motion by Warmbein with support from Tackitt to approve slide plan and Nitz is to work very closely with the parks committee. Voice vote: All aye, motion carried.
 - Leftover funds from previous truck purchase (\$25,000), Nitz is asking for \$2000 for lettering of the new truck. Motion by Sommers with support from Warmbein to spend up to \$2000 for lettering of the new fire truck. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried.
 - As for new mounting brackets Nitz is going to wait on them to see if the brackets from the township’s old truck will work with the new truck, item tabled for now.
 - Munday passed his captain’s class. Congratulations Travis!!!
 - Halloween Park to be on Saturday, November 2nd this year.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Tackitt asked that a couple of spelling errors be fixed before approving previous meeting minutes. Motion by King to approve previous meeting minutes with corrections brought forth, support by Warmbein. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Tackitt read her treasurers report

Parks Committee Update: Meeting minutes provided,

- Committee needs to purchase a recreation passport sign per the DNR Grant. Motion by King with support from Warmbein to purchase the recreation passport sign for \$330. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, King- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, motion carried.
- Discussed the need to control the poison ivy and other weeds in the park. Motion by Warmbein with support from King to approve up to \$330 for purchase of spray for Sommers, Hanover, and King to spray ivy with sprayer; five 1-gallon containers that are premixed. Roll call: King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried.
 - Motion by Warmbein with support from Tackitt to extend meeting to 9:00 p.m., voice vote: all ayes, motion carried
- Park rules- tabled to next month’s meeting

Planning Commission: Previous meeting minutes provided, Mike Metz not present

Cemetery Committee:

- Bob Defreeze- Dirt removal from Glendora and moved to New Troy for repair of the driveway before asphalt gets laid. Motion by King with support from Warmbein to approve up to \$1000 to have dirt moved from Glendora to New Troy before the blacktop. Roll call: King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried.
- Tree removal bids: Bids were opened and came in as:
 - Hurst- \$5,000
 - Acorn- \$8,500
 - KC Tree- \$8,000Call into insurance to see about claim since this is due to storm damage. Tabled as of now.
- Prices have been decided for the columbaria
- Still working on the rules

Road Committee: No report

Website Committee: No report

Drains Committee: Berrien has a new drain commissioner George McMannus

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment: Resident brought to the board that the sign for New Troy Cemetery is covered by bushes on the east end of the cemetery, and that the other sign is broken in half way down.

Resident asked about update on 5/3 account for having retired clerk removed and new clerk added.

Adjournment: Motion by King with support from Warmbein to adjourn meeting at 8:57 p.m. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Township Clerk,
Erika Burcham