



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119
October 16, 2024



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- **Call Meeting to Order 7:00 p.m.**
- **The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- **Roll Call by Clerk Burcham:** Members Present: Robert Warmbein, Gary Sommers, Art King, Michelle Tackitt, Erika Burcham

Add/ Amend agenda: Warmbein party, DJ to spray poison ivy. Motion by Warmbein with support from King to accept agenda as presented along with the two additions. Voice vote: all aye. Motion carried

- Suspend meeting at 7:05 p.m. to celebrate Warmbein for his service on the township board and the fire department safety committee. Cake and refreshments provided.
- Meeting called back at 7:25 p.m.

- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Monthly report provided
- **Supervisor Gary Sommers:** Sommers went over meeting rules.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items**
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:**
 - 7 approved zoning applications
 - 1 pending approval
 - 0 citations

Krauss updated the board per the attorney for the properties at Warren Woods Rd and the Glendora properties.

- **Citation Cost:** #1- \$100/ #2- \$200/ #3- \$300. Discussion around the townships citation cost with the input from the code enforcer. Motion by Warmbein with support from King to raise the townships citation cost from \$50 to \$100. Krauss provided from our ordinance book that our fee starts at \$100 and goes up to \$1000. Warmbein and King to withdraw their motion and support at this time.
- **Accounts Payable:** Earlier in the day Warmbein and Sommers went through the payables. With the general account in at \$ 100,812.36 and the fire department bills ending at \$3,384.25. For a grand total of \$104,196.61. Was a comment from resident that one of the payables stated it was for the columbaria when it was not. Motion by Warmbein with support from Burcham to approve accounts payables for \$104,196.61 with the correction to Arnt Asphalt. Roll call: Tackitt- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried.
- **Broadband Internet Update:** No updates at this time.
- **Fire Dept:** 2 calls- 1 Illegal burn/ 1 Grass

- 3 meetings: 1- walk through/ 1- truck check/ 1-chimney fire training.
- Nitz asked board to hire one new firefighter. Her name is Isabella Logue, she is currently not trained. Motion by Warmbein with support from Burcham to hire Logue pending background check. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.
- Reminder that Halloween party was Saturday November 2, 2024. Trick or treating being from 5-7 then to follow at the fire department their annual Halloween party from 7-9. Chief asked that if residents want to be a part of trick or treating to please leave their porch light on.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** (Resident wanted minutes from October 2nd to be fixed and columbaria taken out of the notes. Tackitt also brought up on the 2nd that the names stated at the top were wrong.) Board approved minutes from the regular board meeting on September 18th, Special meeting on Oct 2nd, and Special meeting Oct 16th. Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to accept previous minutes with corrections. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tackitt prepared and read her report on all the accounts. Motion by Warmbein with support from King to accept the treasurers report as presented. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Tackitt- Yes. Motion carried.

Parks Committee Update:

- Spray poison ivy- Bid from DJ to spray ivy in the park for \$238.50. Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to accept Seeders bid. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Tackitt- Yes. Motion carried.
- Walking path- Upped budget for spray from \$250 to \$300. Motion by Warmbein with support from Tackitt to up the budget to \$300. Roll call: King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Warmbein- Yes. Motion carried.
- Arnt Asphalt- Start grinding on Oct 24th. As of Monday parking lot was under water, south of sports court, north of pavilion. Was discussed that the replacement of the parking lot is not part of the DNR grant, so would be the townships responsibility. Arnt to provide a bid to fix the court and part of the driveway.

Motion by Warmbein with support from Tackitt to extend meeting to 9:00 p.m. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

Planning Commission: Have been working with a couple of different companies to get bids to look at updating our ordinance book. They received a proposal from McKenna. They are waiting on another proposal from a different company. Meeting minutes were provided.

Cemetery Committee:

- Paving in New Troy is completed
- Roofing of garage in New Troy to be tabled for now.
- Columbaria rules and regulations presented to the board. Motion by Warmbein with support by King to accept as is. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

Road Committee: Virtual annual meeting was attended by Warmbein and Sommers. They briefly spoke on what was covered. The new bridges are in the works and will start work by December 31st. They will be using a gravel cover for the winter.

Website Committee:

Drains Committee: Township received the final bill. Tabled as of tonight.
Motion by Sommers with support from King to extend meeting to 9:30 p.m. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Change locks- some board members brought up that locks for the hall have not been changed in many years. Decided to table this topic until the December meeting.
2. Credit card- Research to be done by Tackitt. She believes she found an easier way to order the clerk her credit card. Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to approve credit card process. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried.
3. Audit- Clerk has been in contact with auditor. First available time is November 15th. Clerk would not be able to attend either time that was presented. Board asked for another time so that everyone could be present.
4. Bids- None had been received as of yet. Holding off until next month.
5. GRSD letter- Letter from Josh at GRSD was presented to the board.
6. Fire Ordinance- Chief went through the ordinance and had found a few sections that needed to be updated. Motion from Warmbein with support from Tackitt to table until corrections can be made. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.
7. Spears- Questions from their power of attorney's were presented to the board. Board stated that with the sewer it was all due to the assessor on Oct 1st. No changes could be made at this time.

Extend meeting to 10:00 p.m. Voice vote: all aye, Motion carried.

8. Clerk presented price break downs from both website creators that she has been working with. Once going through all of the numbers and what each has to offer there was a motion by King with support from Burcham to go with Revise website in the amount of \$18,750.00 over five years. Roll call: King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried.
9. Special meeting was call by Sommers for 10/23/2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by King with support from Burcham to adjourn meeting at 9:55 p.m. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Township Clerk,