



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:00 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:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers. Michelle Tackitt. Absent: Jack Jones.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** Deputy Sheriff R. Sullivan was present to report the Weesaw activity of 12/01/15-12/31/15, as follows: Complaints 28; tickets issued 2; Arrests 2. Deputy Sullivan reported the break-ins in Buchanan are actively being pursued. He reported the addresses in New Troy are difficult to follow, and address markers are important, and residents can let dispatch know about difficult addresses to find. Homeowners could also purchase a green reflective sign to make it easier to be located by emergency vehicles.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Sommers requested that we correct an error in the Accounts Payable and a change in price for the Fire Dept. doors' seals when these items come up. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to accept the Agenda with the changes as indicated. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **NEW INFORMATION "CLEAN NEW TROY – Victor Palulis:** Mr. Palulis read a letter that he had provided to the Township Board members relating to Enforcement of Township Ordinances. There was a brief discussion by the Board, and brought up that legitimate complaints do not have to have a signature, and will be turned over to the Code Enforcement Officer upon receipt.
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of Wed., 1/20/16 and Township Election Commission Special Minutes of TU, 02/02/16, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The Township Election Commission Special Meeting Minutes had already been approved by the Election Commission at the end of its meeting on 02/02/16.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
 - **MI Twp. Participating Plan Grant award of \$4,500 and Agreement:** A grant for surveillance equipment for the Mill Road Park which was written by Clerk Green, along with considerable electronic information being assembled and provided by resident Jim Pastryk, was awarded. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to accept the grant in the amount of \$4,500. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Green), motion carried. The Agreement to accept grant was signed by McKamey. There was discussion of the grant, and it was requested to put this item on the Agenda for next month when Mr. Pastryk is available for discussion and enlightenment of the project.
 - No comments on Bureau of Census
 - GRSD has increased their rates.
 - Received letter from one resident behind New Troy cemetery providing permission to perform maintenance to cemetery trees; however, no response from other resident.

- **APPROVE EXPENDITURES:** Sommers stated that there was an error in the Fire Dept. expenditures relating to Coy Construction's billing, and the amount should have been \$1,000 less than reported on the Accounts Payables. Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to approve the payables as amended in the amounts as follows: General Fund \$73,950.55; Fire Dept. \$4,203.85; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Sewer Fund \$4,513.92, for a total of all expenditures of \$84,879.59. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Green), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - **Treasurer:** Tackitt provided bank balances. Winter taxes are due by February 29. She has received about 800 so far.
 - **Fire Dept.:** Fire Chief Williams reported 1 call. Training walk-through at Vickers Engrg. There was a recent fire, no smoke detectors. Cooperation was received from other fire departments. Sommers reported that the quotation to repair the bottom garage door seals is \$418. The sink and bathroom have been completed. Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to approve \$418 for the garage doors seals. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried. Chief Williams spoke regarding address issues. McKamey will call Medic-1 regarding ambulance on stand-by.
 - Sommers provided additional information on updates of the Fire Dept. remodeling project.
 - **Enforcement Officer:** Robert Krauss provided a written report on enforcement activity.
 - **Building, Zoning, & Enforcement Reports** – Written report provided by Bob Kaufman.
 - **Planning Commission Minutes:** Minutes provided. A public hearing on updates to zoning ordinance book.
 - **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** Discussion regarding the purchase of 2 benches for the New Troy Park, approximately \$1700. Replace defaced signage, posts & hardware: Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve up to \$500 to replace the signage and equipment. Roll call vote, all ayes, (Green, Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt), motion carried. Electrical Service Quotes from Olson Electric and Wolverine Electrical for service to Mill Rd. Park: Motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to table this issue to the next meeting. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
 - **Road Committee:** Minutes provided. Sommers reported work has been happening on several roads. There was a complaint from Gardner Rd. Will watch. Asphalt patches which have been made are being considered to be left as is by Louis Csokasy (BCRC Managing Direction). Regarding the Road Commission Annual Meeting, Sommers will contact Mr. Csokasy regarding questions to be answered. Discussion of residents' request to sealcoat Elm Valley Rd
 - **Website Committee:** Mike Metz and Jack Dodds have done some cleaning-up of the website.
 - **Drains Committee:** No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Budget FY2016-17 Status & Discussion:** McKamey stated that she is working on it, but would probably be going to China for 2 weeks for her employer. The board members asked if they could work on it while she was gone.
- **Approve Landfill Passes:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt to approve up to \$700 for landfill passes. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Green), motion carried.
- Publish Ad for request for 2016 lawn mowing bids: Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to run ads for lawn mowing bids in both the Herald Palladium (4 days – Thurs-Sun) and one week in Harbor Country. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Board of Review Resolutions:** Motion by Sandy, supported by Tackitt, to approve the Board of Review Resolutions 16-02 Accepting Letters of Protest from Township Residents for March 2016 Board of Review; 16-03 A Resolution to Provide for Alternate Starting Dates for March 2016 Board of Review; 16-04 A Resolution Updating State Required Poverty Level Income Standards per Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Tax Year 2016. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Sommers, Green – Jones absent), motion carried.

- **Computer for Receptionist/Elections:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt, to table this item.
- **Mrs. Staniszewski Sewer Issue:** Tackitt & Green related that a home on State St., owned by Mrs. Celeste Staniszewski's had been demolished in Sept. 2015, and she is requesting that the sewer usage billing on that property be credited from that point in time. Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to remove the sewer usage charges from this billing as of Oct. 1, 2015, but she must continue to pay the annual Phase 2 sewer assessment, and in the event another home is built at this location, the sewer usage billing will begin again. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Green, McKamey, Tackitt), motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Monitoring Recycling Bin:** Special appreciation and thank you is extended to Paul Backus, Jr., & resident Katy for volunteering to take over the responsibilities of the Recycling Project.
- **Attorney Bell Update:** Attorney Bell called Green and reported that she will be continuing to resolve the issue of the Mystery Land at the County Building on Monday, Feb. 21, as a notice has to be issued. She also indicated that she would be happy to come to the Township to meet with the Board and others regarding the enforcement issues that are ongoing involving township blight.
- **Reappoint Members of P.C. and ZBA:** Several members of the Planning Commission's and ZBA's terms have expired: Planning Commission – Calvin Gnodtke and Roger Kugler expired 12/2015. ZBA: Mike Metz expired 04/2015. Motion by McKamey, supported by Tackitt to reappoint Gnodtke and Kugler to P.C. with terms to expire as of 12/2018; and Metz to ZBA with term to expire 4/2018. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Election Approvals:** 1) Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers to approve up to \$60 to purchase sub sandwiches for the Presidential Primary on 3/8/16. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Green), motion carried

Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to approve Resolution #16-01 To Appoint a Receiving Board for the 2016 Weesaw Township Election Cycle: Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, McKamey, Sommers, Green), motion carried.

Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve a \$10 bonus for the Receiving Board members (2), one Republican, one Democrat, as they have additional responsibilities to carry out during the election. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt), motion carried.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Comment by resident Mike Metz that complaints be put under Unfinished Business at the end of the meeting.
- **ADJOURN:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk