



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

- **Roll Call by Clerk Green:** Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt
- **BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT REP:** Sheriff's representative not present. Stats faxed to Township 11/1/14-11/30/14: 16 complaints, 1 ticket issued, 0 arrests.
- **RECYCLING UPDATE:** Janna Riley presented an update to the township. There were 17 pick ups of recycling materials in 2014 – It takes about 17-21 days to fill the bin. She presented a check from FONT for \$300 for last year. There were donations of \$191.51 for last year from the can placed at Molly's Corner, of that amount \$54 was given tonight. Jack Dodds made a \$100 donation in 2014. She reported another FONT check in the amount of \$300 will be coming for 2015 with the Township matching. She stated that more volunteers should get involved. Users need to push the materials down so the bin will hold more materials. Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, to approve the Resolution with FONT for \$300, with Weesaw Township providing matching funds. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Jones, Green), motion carried.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by Green, supported by McKamey, to set the Agenda as is. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments.
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to accept the minutes of 12/17/14, as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
 - 1) None needing immediate attention.
- **APPROVE EXPENDITURES:** Motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to approve the expenditures as presented in the following amounts: General Fund \$8,513.17; Fire Dept. \$2,889.61; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Sewer \$4,052.07; for a Grand Total of \$17,666.12. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, McKamey, Tackitt, Jones, Sommers), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - **Treasurer:** Tackitt provided the bank balances as of 12/31/14. She has opened a new Road Millage account. In addition, two CDs matured and she has left the CD at New Buffalo Savings at 2% interest for 5 years, no one time cash-in provision provided; the other to Edgewater at 2% for 5 years (2 CDs), with a 1 time cash-in provision, in the event of an emergency.
 - **Fire Dept.:** Assistant Fire Chief Daryl DeRossi gave a verbal report: 4 calls: 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 1 ice water rescue, 1 smoke investigation, 1 structure fire. He reported Firefighter 1 and 2 going good for Jay. McKamey reported Lake Township congratulated Weesaw for upgrading the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. policies will be review by the Township Board at a Special Meeting on Wed., 1/28/15, 6:00 p.m.

- Water Softener: Sommers reported that 9 bags of salt disappeared very quickly in the water softener. John Kennedy/Buchanan came on 1/12/15 to repair the softener, and reported that it is working fine.
- **Building, Zoning & Enforcement Reports:** Report provided by B/Z Administrator, Bob Kaufman.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** No meeting. Marcie Colclough has provided a rough draft of the Master Plan for review this month.
- **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** No meeting.
- **Roads Committee:** Sommers reported: Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather. Annual meeting with BCRC is 2/25/15 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Website Committee:** No meeting. December calendar did not flip over to 2015. OK now.
- **Drains Committee:** Sommers reported the tube is cleaned up on Warren Woods Road North side where tube is installed. A few minor issues still remain pertaining to the drain.
- **Treasurer Tackitt:** Tackitt reported that 2 CD's are maturing. She is looking into reinvesting the funds with other banks. 5th/3rd is presently offering 2% interest. She will look into other banking to get the best deal she can for the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Approve Notice of Board of Review Ad for Newspaper Publication:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to approve and publish the Board of Review Meeting Schedule. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, Tackitt, McKamey, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **Adopt Board of Review Resolutions:** Motion by Green, supported by McKamey, to adopt Resolution 15-01, 1/21/15, "A Resolution to Provided for Alternate Starting Dates for March 2015 Board of Review." Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Jones, Green), motion carried.
Motion by Sommers, supported by Jones, to adopt Resolution 15-02, 1/21/15, "Accepting Letters of Protest from Township Residents for March 2015 Board of Review." Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Jones, McKamey, Sommers, Tackitt), motion carried.
Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to adopt Resolution 15-03, 1/21/15, "A Resolution Updating State Required Poverty Level Income Standards Per Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Tax Year 2015. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, McKamey, Green, Jones, Tackitt), motion carried.
- **Other Board of Review:** George Freehling provided a letter of resignation. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to accept George Freehling's letter of resignation and Clerk Green to send a letter of gratitude for his years of service. Voice vote all ayes, motion carried.
Sommers reported that Tony Kaleta (a former Township Treasurer) has expressed an interest in the Board of Review member position which is now open. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey to appoint Tony Kaleta to the Board of Review for a two-year term. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to approve expenses for sending Tony Kaleta to a Board of Review training workshop in Kazoo on 2/04/15: workshop \$99, book \$31.50, and including mileage reimbursement. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Jones, Green, Tackitt, Sommers), motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ADOPT CEMETERY ORDINANCE:** Discussion of Cemetery Ordinance which Green has been working on since August, wherein it was requested that Green make a change in Section 8 eliminating several words relating to same family. Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to adopt Cemetery Ordinance #20-2015, as amended. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Jones, Sommers, Green), motion carried. Addendums to remain "as is" for the time being.
- **Wee-Chik Rd. Lift Station Update:** Sommers provided information regarding Gasvoda's repairs. They came out on 1/15/15 to repair but ran into a snafu. (Service call \$731) The serviceman is coming back tomorrow to complete the job. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to approve up to a total of \$1800 total to repair the lift station, capacitors and start relay. Voice vote, all

eyes, motion carried. Sommers showed a copy of the GRSD Service Contract and stated that a service contract may be in order with Gasvoda to routinely lcheck the lift station's capacitors.

- **Expired Appointments:** Re. Planning Commission: Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to reappoint Mike Metz (term expired 12/2013) to the Planning Commission, new term to expire 12/2016, and Mary Ann Wittlieff (term expired 12/2014) new term to expire 12/2017. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. ZBA: Melodie Culverhouse's term expired 03/2014. Green to call Melodie to see if she wants to remain on the ZBA so we can reappoint her to the ZBA for 3 years, if so.
- **Heiniger Letter re Grinder Pumps:** Green had no response. McKamey said she had and he didn't think it was the Township's responsibility to pay expenses for the pumps, but he didn't remember. Green to bring Phase 2 sewer records downstairs from the attic to see if there is any information available there.
- **Atty. Sara Bell:** She would like the Mystery Land and Street Lights Assessment District to be Agenda items on the Feb. Agenda,
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Several comments.
- **ADJOURN:** Motion by Jones, supported by Green, to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk