



**WEESAW TOWNSHIP**  
**New Troy, MI 49119**



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sandy McKamey at 7:03 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.
- **ROLL CALL BY TREASURER TACKITT:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers. Michelle Tackitt.
- **BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT REP:** Deputy Ryan Sullivan was present to present the Berrien County Sheriff's report and answer questions. Stats had been faxed to the Township for the period of 8/01/15-08/31/15: 21 complaints, 2 tickets issued, 1 arrest. Several comments, questions and observations from audience. Deputy Sullivan reported that the needles found in the park were disposed of due to there being no suspects. Sommers mentioned acts of vandalism and problems in the Mill Rd. Park. Deputy Sullivan indicated that the township should report vandalism. Dispatch number is 866-630-7679.
- **JEFF MCCRAY/BURNHAM & FLOWER INSUR. GROUP:** Jeff was present to answer any questions the Board had with regard to the upcoming insurance renewal. It was mentioned that the gear racks possibly were not covered. He requested that a current operating budget be emailed to him. Green stated she had already forwarded it via U.S. Postal mail, but will email it to him also. McKamey signed the application declaration for sending to Burnham & Flower along with the check when the invoice is received.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to set the agenda items as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Sommers requested that on the Wed., 9/16/15 meeting minutes that the Fire Dept. report (page 2) be changed to 6 calls, and that the last item on the Fire Dept. report be changed to "3 calls" (instead of 2) to the same silo fire." Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Wed., 09/16/15 as amended, and the Special Meeting Minutes of 10/07/15 and 10/14/15 be approved as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:** None
- **APPROVE EXPENDITURES:** Jones and Sommers reviewed the payables earlier in the day finding no changes to be made, motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to approve the expenditures as follows: General Fund \$13,880.44; Fire Dept. \$15,849.28; Ambulance \$2,211.27; Sewer \$3,043.12, for a Grand Total of \$34,984.11. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, McKamey, Jones, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
- **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
  - **Treasurer:** Tackitt provided bank balances and CD balances. The winter tax season is impending. Tackitt requested to pay SBF up to \$700 for mailing the property taxes out. Motion by Green, supported by McKamey, to approve the payment of up to \$700 to SBF

- for mailing the property taxes to the property owners. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, McKamey, Jones, Green, Sommers), motion carried.
- Tackitt also requested that the Board approve the extension of payment of winter property tax deadline to February 28, 2016, without penalty. Motion by McKamey, supported by Green, to approve extending the tax deadline to February 28, 2016, without penalty. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
  - **Fire Dept.**: Assistant Fire Chief Daryl De Rossi reported 3 calls: 2 P.I. and 1 smoke investigation. He requested approval to have the pumps tested on the two pumper vehicles @ \$200 per vehicle. Motion by Sommers, supported by Jones, to approve \$400 to have the pumps tested on the two pumper trucks. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Jones, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried. The Halloween party sponsored by the Fire Brigade begins at 7:00 p.m. The Township Board will honor Dale Brueck for 50 years' service on the Fire Dept. on Thurs., Nov. 5. Work on the Fire Dept. renovation has stopped due to an electric issue. We don't know what the bid will be for the electrical contractor. Where is money coming from? A Special meeting will probably be needed; will wait until we know about Electrician and permit.
  - **Enforcement Officer**: Robert Krauss was not present.
  - **Building, Zoning, & Enforcement Reports** – Report provided by Bob Kaufman. Tackitt broached the subject of enforcement by having the enforcement officer contact residents about cleaning up junk on their properties. Green stated she was in favor of clean-up of the blight also, and if an ordinance is being violated, it should be enforced or else throw the ordinances out the window if we're not going to enforce what's on the books. Green was also in favor of sending a letter to residents as a first contact with them, to try to work with them in that manner. McKamey was opposed to this idea. Sommers mentioned that Robert Krauss, Enforcement Officer, asked to meet with the Board to discuss enforcement issues when he was initially hired. Green will contact Robert Krauss re setting up a meeting with the Township Board to discuss enforcement issues.
  - **Planning Commission Minutes**: Minutes from 8/24/15 provided by Green.
    - Farmland & Open Space Preservation Purchase of Development Rights Program Resolution #2015-18. Motion by McKamey, supported by Gary Sommers, to adopt Resolution #2015-18. Roll Call Vote, all ayes (Jones, Sommers, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.
  - **Parks' & Rec. Committee**: Jack Dodds' memo relating to the New Troy Bell memorial provided to Board Members.
- Road Committee**: Minutes provided. Sommers spoke as to the Road issues. He mentioned that some of the new roads in the millage plan are wash-boarding and are rough. They will have to grade the wash-boarding out. B.C.R.C. invoices were received. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to pay the following invoices: 1) Project 15047 Gardner Road \$13,800; 2) Project 15045 Elm Valley Rd \$13,200; 3) Project 15049 Log Cabin Rd. \$29,900. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Sommers, Jones, Green), motion carried.
- **Website Committee**: Jack Dodds mentioned he has the draft Master Plan on the website. Green will forward the final Master Plan to Dodds for exhibit on the website.
  - **Drains Committee**: Sommers reported that there is a spot in the Blue Jay Drain on Warren Woods that requires watching – stone in the bottom of ditch, which services Art King and Rodney Strefling.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Snowplowing Bids:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to post an ad the same as last year in the newspaper. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Building & Grounds Committee Report:** Sommers reported that the parking lot was cleaned and sealed. Some of the rubber sealant has come out, and he will contact the vendor to see what can be done about it. He will also ask Charlie Johnson if the sealant will work in Mill Road Park and New Troy Cemetery. Need Sole Proprietor form filled out. It was mentioned that if there is dirt in the cracks, the sealant won't adhere.
- **Lights in Park & Surveillance Equipment Report – Jim Pastryk:** Jim volunteered to gather information regarding these issues. He gave information of what has been gleaned thus far. AEP has visited the sites. There is a plan to put lights in Mill Rd. Park. This project would require 3 poles. The light pole would be placed by the picnic table. There would be 2 lights – one towards the parking lot and the other towards the bridge. Power will be required; 2 wire system – 120 volt sodium bulbs. We would have to put up a pole also. The larger wire will raise the price substantially. I&M engineer will provide 2 quotes.

The Tech/Stevensville visited both parks. The technician will be providing quotes. Pastryk provided him with information as to our needs.

Another issue Jim mentioned was relating to the New Troy School Bell Project. Terry Hanover requested that Jim and Jack Dodds handle the donated money. The funds will come from Mr. Hanover to Mr. Pastryk to be deposited in the bank until the required amount is collected.

**Transfer Cemetery Lot:** Motion by Green, supported by McKamey, to transfer a cemetery lot belonging to Debra Martens Miller (who has moved out of state) to her sister Marilyn Brown (Township resident). Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Attorney Bell Update:** McKamey reported that she had talked with Attorney Sara Bell, with the following information related: 1) Re the New Troy Bell Memorial, we cannot give the funds back if the required amount is not reached. 2) Mystery Land: This is going to court and will be finalized in December. 3) Cleveland Ave. Mining Project: There are property line issues, encroachment on others' land, property to be surveyed.
- **Kent Record Shredding Contract:** McKamey signed the contract for forwarding to Kent Records.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Sommers displayed rocks from Elm Valley Rd. macadam road. Green reported we need \$175 for election postage to send out new I.D. cards to the former Galien Twp. Schools (now defunct) voters. Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, approve up to \$200 for postage. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Jones, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried.
- **ADJOURN:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Wanda Green  
Clerk