



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2024**

**Call Meeting to Order \_7p.m. by Supervisor Sommers**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call by Clerk Green:** Members Present: All Present, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Art King, Wanda Green, Robert Warmbein

**Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** No one present from sheriff's office but report was attached

**Supervisor Gary Sommers:** Gary read through the rules of the meeting. Asked if anyone wanted to add or bring up anything for the meeting. Art wanted to add talking about garbage pick up in the township. Approved by Sommers seconded by Clerk Green, voice vote: all ayes, motion carried

**Public Comments:** Gary made comment that we had a number of politicians in the audience.

- Lora Freehling: She was here to talk about a free service that Berrien offers for notifying property owners for free and through text. Left many brochures for the public
- Shelly White: Was here to talk about her time as Berrien County Treasurer and how she really works with home owners and foreclosure properties. She is seeking her second term.
- Chuck Heit: Was here to talk about his career in law enforcement and the programs that he has put into place since being Sheriff. He is also looking for public votes.
- Jean Casto: Was here to talk about his career and to let the public know that he is running for county commissioner.

**Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:**

- 2 zoning applications approved
- 4 zoning apps pending
- 3 14-day notices sent out
- Robert also gave updates to the board pertaining to the tent in the park.

**Accounts Payable:** List of payables was included in the packet

- Warmbein and Sommers went over bills and approved the bills earlier in the day that were included. Roll call Warmbein- yes, King- Yes, Tackitt-Yes, Sommers- Yes, Green- Yes, motion carried. General Fund:\$33,031.51/ Fire Dept.:\$19,578.08/ Ambulance:\$10,554.60/ Sewer:\$295.97/ Other: \$41,813.50. For a total of \$105,273.66

**Broadband Internet Update:** No updates at this time. James was not present

**Fire Dept:** 6 calls for the month  
2 training meetings

- Chief Nitz talked about their big show down in Indy
- Nitz brought up the mobile vet with BCAC and it was a huge success and there are plans for next year in the works.

**Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion made by Gary and supported by Robert to approve previous minutes

**Treasurer's Report:** Closed 3 sewer accounts at 5/3 and opened them up at Huntington. Opened 3 cash sweep accounts at Huntington to balance out our funds. Conversation stating to leave the Safe Deposit box at 5/3. Motion by Art and supported by Robert: roll call: King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Green- Yes. Contract for the credit card machine has been canceled. Tackitt is looking to try and set up sewer payments to be accepted online. Comment was brought

up to the board by Art that going forward before anything is changed pertaining to the banking it needs to be brought before the board first. No resolution made at this time.

**Parks Committee Update:** Gary discussed the mowing issues with the park. Gary thought mowing every 2 weeks would work but was discussed by the board to mow every week. Motion by Tackitt and supported by Warmbein to mow the old football field every week or as needed. Roll call: Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Green- yes. Gary brought up change order #1 and it pertained to the change in price for the change of the grills to now be attached by the township. Contract was for \$249,178.00 with an increase of \$5,547.30 for a new total of \$254,725.30. Motion by King supported by Warmbein to pay the additional \$5,547.30. Revised contract will be reviewed by Steve first, should be brought before the board next meeting, roll call: King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Green- Yes. Moved onto talking about adding signs to the walking paths to keep motorized vehicles off of the path. Board presented with 2 options from Jack Dodd. Jack would like to order 3 of each sign, decided to get prices before ordering, motion by Warmbein and supported by King. Cameras only have a 2 week memory, being looked into for 4 weeks of memory.

Meeting extended to 9:30, motion by Sommers supported by Tackitt

**Planning Commission:** Approved the 5 year plan with Resolution 2024-11 public hearing will be held at next meeting at 7 p.m.

Resolution 2024-12 to adapt 5 year plan, motion by Warmbein with support from King. Roll call: Warbein- Yes, King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, King- Yes, Green- Yes

**Cemetery Committee:** Columbaria were set last week. Sommers brought up that there were a lot of leaves on the south side and in the east fence. Sommers received a verbal bid from DJ for \$400 for clean up for Memorial Day. Motion by King, supported by Tackitt, roll call: King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Green- Yes. Branches are also through the fence, call placed to KC Tree

**Road Committee:** Chuck Palen has retired after 34 years of being with the Berrien County Road Department.

**Website Committee:** 333 site visits, up 7% from last month, 80% new, 20% returning  
176- Google searches  
113- Direct search

**Drains Committee:** No extra money, any work will be paid from tax bills. Talked about making an extra payment to USDA to pay off loan quicker. Motion by Warmbein support by Green. Roll call: Green- Yes, Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Art/ garbage pickup: Looking to get 1 trash company for all of Weesaw, have too many trucks on our roads which is tearing them all up. King has been in contact with 3 companies to talk prices. Would save 30% if 1 company did it all, 3 or 5 year contract. With a 5 year contract would save 33% overall. Township can pay bill then place on tax bills. Motion by Green with support from Tackitt to start the next step. Roll call: Warmbein- No, Green- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, to move onto the next step.

**Adjournment:** 9:31 Motion by Sommers support by King, voice call: all ayes  
Respectfully submitted,

Township Clerk Assistant  
Erika Burcham