



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday July 16, 2024

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Gary Sommers at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

- **Roll Call by Clerk:** Robert Warmbein- Present, Art King- Present, Gary Sommers- Present, Michelle Tackitt- Present, Erika Burcham- Present
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** No reps from the department available. Sheriff's worked 21 complaints in the township. Report attached
- **Supervisor Gary Sommers:** reiterated rules for the meeting. Motion by Warmbein with support from King to except the agenda as is. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:** report provided
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items:** Resident brought concerns pertaining to a few board members meeting and not posting a meeting. Quorum referenced and asking the rules around that. Was witnessed by residents on more then one instance where three board memebbers were at a FD meeting. Resident also brought up concerns about polling the board. Motion by Warmbein with support by Sommers to add Sandy's comments to the agenda, voice vote: all ayes
 - Reed: Issues with the township and not being able to get power to property and not having Officer Krauss return any calls. Krauss stated that he had been in contact with residents attorney over a year ago pertaining to this issue and Krauss stated that their plans were not completed which is why he was unable to approve any zoning applications at that time. Mike Metz from planning commission stepped in and stated that this issue would not be Officer Krauss' area that this would all need to come before the planning commission. Krauss spoke with resident aside and worked out a plan.
- **Accounts Payable:** Sommer and King reviewed payables earlier that day. Motion by King with support by Warmbein to except payables, General fund of \$23,670.19, Fire Department of \$5,830.16, Ambulance of \$7,915.50, Sewer of \$8,093.69 with a total of bills equaling to be \$45,509.99. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried.
- **Broadband Internet Update:** None at this time
- **Fire Dept:**
- **Calls:** 2 Calls- 1 entry assistance, 1 Carbon Monoxide. Firefighters did truck checks, no meetings due to the holiday.
- **Chief Agenda:**
 - Flooring- Peel and stick for just Chief Nitz office will be no more that \$200. Motion by Warmbein with support by King to approve purchase of flooring for up to \$200. Roll Call: King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Warmbein- Yes. Motion carried.
 - Wiring- Money left over from Hein electric when building was rewired. \$500 per truck with a total being \$1000. Motion by King with support by Warmbein to approve

adding wiring in the fire house for 2 trucks with Hein Electric doing the work. Roll call: Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried

- Milage- Fire Department is wanting to buy a new pumper trucks before the new regulations go into effect. Ordering now puts a tested motor in new truck where as if waiting a year would put a brand new untested motor, new regulations into effect, and would raise cost of the same truck over \$100K. There was lots of discussion around the difference between the new trucks and the older trucks, why this truck, financing pertaining to this new truck. Looking at putting a 1 Mil milage on the Novemeber ballot for a minimum of 7 years to make payments on this truck. Tackitt did inform that there was \$25K in a CD that is left over funds from another truck.

- Motion by Sommers with support by Burcham to extend the meeting to 9:30 voice vote: All ayes

Motion by Warmbein with support by King to put a 1 Mil milage on the Novemeber ballot for a minimum of 6 years and 7 years if possible dedicated to fire department equipment. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried

Motion by Sommers with support by Burcham for \$653K to move forward with the purchase of a new fire truck. Roll call: King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- No, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried

- Chief Nitz presented a letter that the fire department is wanting to send out to all local businesses for the department to go in and do a free fire preplanning work up. It is in the event if there were to ever be a fire at one of the local businesses that the fire department would already have a plan in place and a lay out of the business. Motion by Sommers with support by Tackitt to approve mailing of the letters to local businesses. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.
- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Tackitt wanted to have a part in last months meeting minutes to be fixed to have a motion by Warmbein with support by King to move excess funds to make them FDIC insured. Motion by Warmbein with support by King to fix previous months meeting minutes. There was then a motion by Warmbein with support by Sommers to accept Junes regular board meeting minutes after the changes had been made and to also accept July 9th special meeting minutes as well. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Report provided with break down of funds.

- Return check fees- was stated in previous meetings the Huntington Bank was going to return some check return fees to us do to the security suite that was put into place, Tackitt is to be getting in touch with Huntington to discuss this further.
- Board discussed putting up a sign for any NSF checks that the resident would be charged. Motion by Sommers with support by Tackitt to place a sign on the front desk pertaining to fees for any returned checks.

Parks Committee Update:

- Shingles- only have 1 sample and need to request some other samples to compare.
- Water- Board needs to look into and see if water will be required at the park by the end of the project.
- Graffiti- Mill Rd park there is graffiti all over the bridge. Need to call the sheriff and see if the county has the program that brings workers out.

Planning Commission:

- Request for 3 people to attend a conference about short term rentals. \$100 per person if tickets are purchased befor Aug 21st. Motion by Warmbein with support by Sommers to send up to 5 to the conference. Roll call: King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried.

- Motion by Sommers with support by Burcham to extend meeting to 10, voice vote: all ayes, motion carried

Cemetery Committee:

- Concrete bids- Board had 2 bids pertaining to pouring concrete around the Columbaria in both cemeteries. Speck is for 8 ft out and 4 inches thick.
- Tailored Masonry- Glendora- \$9,200/ New Troy- \$7,100
- Rose Concrete- Glendora- \$4,530/ New Troy- \$4,165

Motion by King with support by Tackitt to accept Rose Concrete bids. Roll call: King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, motion carried.

- Headstone in New Troy- Only 1 bid and it was from Rose Concrete. Motion by King with support by Tackitt to table the headstone.
- Blacktop- 1 stone in the way of being able to widen the road in the cemetery, also two tree limbs down. Only 1 bid was in and it was from Hurst and was to high, board wants other bids. Topic tabled until we can get more bids.

Road Committee: Roads that were scheduled to be rebuilt have been rebuilt.

Website Committee: Nothing to report

Drains Committee:

NEW BUSINESS:

Dump passes- As of July 1 the landfill went from \$25 minimum to a \$30 min, they also upped their starting pounds from 250 up to 300. With the township having the dump passes for our residents it was recommended to up our cost from \$25 to @30. Motion by King with support by Warmbein to up our dump passes to \$30. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, King- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried

Hire part time person- Looking to hire a part time person to help in the cemeteries. Was discussed as to what this person would be likely to do. Job title would need to be advertised, first need to put together a job description for a general maintenance person for the township. Tabled

5/3- Need to remove Wanda Green from the 5/3 accounts and add Burcham. Motion by King with support by Warmbein to remove retired Clerk Green and add current Clerk Burcham to the 5/3 banking accounts. Voice vote: all ayes,

Road Commission- Board was informed that all political signs are to be 10 feet off of the road or they will be removed.

Adjournment: Motion by Sommers with support by King to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 P.M. Voice vote: all ayes

Respectfully submitted,
Township Clerk