



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 20, 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:** All Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt.
- **B.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT:** Representative had not arrived. Report faxed from Sheriff's office: Complaints: 19; Tickets issued: 1; Arrests: 0; for the period of 5/1-5/31/16.
- **SET/AMEND AGENDA ITEMS:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to add purchase of a "Welcome to Weesaw" sign to replace one that had been hit by an auto. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Green reported she believed there was already one in the Township Hall and she would look for it.
- **HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** William Brackett questioned a cemetery that he believed was located at Hills Corners at one time. None present remembered such a cemetery. It was suggested that he contact Mr. Sinner who lives in that area and perhaps he would know something about it.
- **SEWER REQUEST:** Mr. Jeff Jackson, son of Mrs. Patricia Balbo, was unable to be present, as he had to work.
- **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Robert Krauss provided his report to the Board. He also mentioned he will be sending enforcement letter #3 to those he has on the list and sending tickets to them. He will then forward the tickets to Atty. Sara Bell for providing to the court. There are 2 tickets in court presently. No schedule of hearings yet. Atty. Bell has advised him that he can leave the jurisdiction to make contact with the owner of the properties.
- **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by Sommers, supported by Tackitt, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of 06/15/16, and Special Board Meeting minutes of 06/29/16 and 07/13/16. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Other Special Board Meeting minutes of 6/28/16 and 6/29/16 (Election Commission) had already been approved.
- **CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED TO BOARD:**
  - 6/29/16 letter from Seven-Day Adventist – not Township's business.
  - Berrien Cty Farm Bureau On-Farm Field Day – Pat & Teri Freehling's Farm, July 27, 2016.
  - Other correspondence did not necessitate Board action.
- **APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES MONTHLY EXPENDITURES:** Motion by Jones, supported by Sommers, to approve the expenditures as presented: General Fund \$23,753.44; Fire Dept. \$3,589.06; Ambulance \$2,271.27; Sewer \$9,051.21; other (none); for a Grand Total of \$38,664.98. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, Jones, McKamey, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

▪ **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Tackitt – Copy of bank balances provided. She reported she is presently collecting summer taxes and that they are due by September 14.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Tim Williams reported 5 calls – 2 structure fires, power line down, PI accident, grass fire. A 16 yr. old chemo patient was taken for a fire truck ride by members of the Fire Dept.
  - **Fire Dept. Policy:** Verbiage from Atty. Bell was not received in time for the meeting. The Safety Committee will read the language and recommend.
- **Building/ Zoning, Administrator:** Robert Kaufman provided the zoning report.
- **Planning Commission Minutes:** Provided.
- **Parks' & Rec. Committee:** Pay for surveillance equipment: The surveillance cameras are installed and an invoice will be forthcoming from The Tech for the balance. Motion by Sommers, supported by Jones, to pay the invoice from The Tech up to \$2800. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Green, McKamey, Jones, Sommers), motion carried.
- **Road Committee:** Minutes provided. Sommers reported that BCRC will chloride Elm Valley and Larsen Roads. Grading will also be done to Larsen and perhaps aggregate. Pardee Rd. has been ground up, but is seriously wash boarded. It will be seal coated next year per the Road Commission employees. There were handouts presented by Sommers.
  - Victor Palulis was present and again commented on Pardee Road's condition and requested that it be seal coated now, rather than next year.
  - Welcome to Weesaw sign: Rothco's price for the sign is \$76.56, and \$60 for BCRC to install. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to purchase the sign and install for approximately \$200. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Tackitt, Sommers, Jones, Green), motion carried. Green stated that she believed there already was an extra sign and would look for it, so we would not have to purchase the sign.
  - Traffic counts: Baldwin Rd., Holden, Rd, Elm Valley (99), Larsen. BCRC said they would look at sealcoating when Elm Valley was 100 per day.
  - Questions from audience members relating to Pardee, which were answered by Sommers and others. The Road Committee will pay Louis Csokasy a visit. Sommers requested a list from the audience members regarding the road.
- **Website Committee:** Mike Metz informed that Jack Dodds will be taking over WIZ website. We will have Go-Daddy until October. We have renewed the Go Daddy URL. Weesawtownship.net.
- **Drains Report:** Gary reported a one-time assessment for Clymer Drain of approx. \$15.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Announcement of Township Acquisition of Land for Cemetery & Other Public Use:** The Township Board has purchased 28.02 acres on Wee-Chik Road. This land is adjacent to the park property that the township owns and will be utilized for a public purpose, such as providing needed additional cemetery lots; trails can be laid out and perpetuated as well as other other amenities of this nature on the property in the future; and it actually connects with the Weesaw Park. In addition, it contains a wetlands, which could remain in its natural state. The price of said property was \$1,206.43.
- **Approve Purchase of Sandwiches for Election:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to spend up to \$60 for food for the election: Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, Tackitt, McKamey, Jones), motion carried.
- **Approve Resolution 16-07 to Adopt Millage Ballot Language & Official Road Millage Verbiage:** McKamey requested that "renewal" be added to the language. Issue was tabled until a Special Meeting on TU, July 26, to revisit this issue.
- **Weesaw New Troy Cemetery Repair Estimate:** The well in the cemetery is not working properly. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to approve \$1101 to have the pump repaired. Roll call vote, all ayes (McKamey, Jones, Tackitt, Sommers, Green), motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Atty. Sara Bell Update:** Confidential report provided to Township Board members.
- **Locate markers in Glendora Cemetery:** Jarvis has not returned Green's phone calls.
- **Approve Amended Cemetery Rules:** Green provided an updated list of the Rules, with Rule #6, having been deleted at this time. Motion by Sommers, supported by Green, to approve the rules as updated. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, Sommers, McKamey, Green, Tackitt), motion carried.
- **Cemetery Sign Bids:** Several bids received. Green to attempt to see how much the sign cost that is installed at the Weesaw Park.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Suggestion to contact G.W. Bowles for a bid on the cemetery pump repair. Motion by McKamey, supported by Sommers, to withdraw the approved motion of earlier in the meeting in the amount of \$1101 to approve repairing the cemetery well. If Bowles' bill is lower than \$1101, in which case it will be approved to be repaired by Bowles rather than McCarty. Roll call vote, all ayes (Green, Sommers, McKamey, Jones, Tackitt), motion carried to withdraw the previous motion. Sommers will contact Bowles.

Ryan Dykstra representing Apex farms will present wind farming on Wednesday 6:00 at the Galien American Legion.

- **ADJOURN:** Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green  
Clerk