



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



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday June 19, 2024

- **Call Meeting to Order 7 P.M. by Gary Sommers**
- **The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- **Roll Call by Clerk Burcham:** Members Present: Robert Warmbein, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Erika Burcham. Art King- Showed up at 7:15
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** 22 complaints as per report. Deputies showed up a bit later and went through some of the report. Residents asked some questions about something that they had seen and was clarified by Deputies.
- **Supervisor Gary Sommers:** Sommers went through rules of the meeting and asked for any amendments or add on's. No amendments were made. Motion by Warmbein support by Tackitt to leave agenda as is, motion carried
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:**
  - 6 new zoning application
  - 6 pending zoning applications
  - 13 code complaints
  - 2 pending citations to be issued
- 1. Krauss to work with Clerk Burcham to get some streamlining done to try and funnel questions and complaints through her so she can keep public updated on any issues or questions.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items:** Donna Wines handed out a letter pertaining to a property in question in the township.
- **Accounts Payable:** Sommers and Warmbein reviewed payables earlier that day and found no issues. Motion by Warmbein support by King to pay bills as it breaks down, General- \$85,987.65, Fire Dept.- \$28,728.09, Sewer- \$108,806.67 with a grand total of \$223,522.41. Roll call: King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried
- **Broadband Internet Update:** No new updates
- **Fire Dept:** 0 calls with 1 safety meeting
  - Rewire in firehouse to add plugs so that the firefighters can hook up their trucks for on board items. Board asked for another bid to bring forth next month.
  - Need paint to finish bay 60 walls. Looking to buy about 80 pieces of tile to redo Chief Nitz office. Motion by Warmbein support by Sommers to spend up to \$500 on paint for the bay and to bring to the board a price for tile for the office next month. Roll call: King- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried
  - Shephard moving to Carolina's so needs to be relieved of duties, he has returned all required gear. Fellows to be relieved as well, has been a no call no show to anything in a couple of months. Need to get her pager back or she is liable for it, motion granted.
  - Fire house found 3 water back packs to use for calls. They are used at \$300 a piece found by Starbuck. Packs are 10 years old with very low use. Nitz looking for \$900 to buy all 3 packs. Motion by King with support by Tackitt. Roll call: Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham-Yes, King- Yes, Motion carried.

- DNR has 2 semi's for the Fire Dept for free. Current trucks are stick and staff struggle to drive current ones. New semi's are 10 years newer. Will need to paint and lengthen trucks to add tank to each one. Estimate of \$60,000 a piece to do said work. Board asked for them to sell our 2 current trucks to make up some of those funds before moving forward. Motion by Sommers with support by Tackitt to have Chief Nitz secure 2 new fire trucks from DNR and to find someone to buy our 2 trucks in return. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sommers to extend meeting to 9:30, with support by King. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried

- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Sommers with support by King to approve previous meeting minutes from May 15, May 22, May 29, June 4, June 11, June 17. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer prepared letter stating what she has been working on and what she is looking to do moving forward. She is hoping by July 1<sup>st</sup> we will be able to start excepting online tax payments. Motion by King with support by Warmbein to cancel the positive pay/ security sweep from Huntington Bank. Roll call: King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Sommers- Yes. Motion carried to cancel positive pay. Tackitt was instructed by the board to put a policy into place to keep track of current funds and interest and any future funds. Tackitt was instructed to move excess uninsured funds to get them insured. Motion by Warmbein with support by King to move excess funds to make them FDIC insured. Burcham was asked to help with updating our current Investment Policy for Weesaw Township. Roll Call: Burcham- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Motion carried.

Motion by Sommers with support by Burcham to extend meeting to 10p.m. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried

**Parks Committee Update:** Board has decided to have shingles put on the pavilion roof instead of metal. Drain tile has broke and needs to be replace, estimate from Yoder to replace came in at \$1518. Motion by King with support by Warmbein to approve Yoder to replace drain tile. Roll call: Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham- Yes, motion carried.

- Water: Hein Electric has been contacted to look at the park and to get their input in regards to were to put the conduit, waiting to hear back from them on a good day to meet.
- All sports court has been observed to have to high of a grade. Nathan to be on site next day to evaluate the court.

**Planning Commission:** Resolution brought to board for approval to get an ordinance into place for short term rentals. Planning commission already held a public hearing in regards to this. Motion by Warmbein with support by King to pass resolution. Roll call: King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, motion carried.

- Ordinance 25-2024: Presented to board for approval. Motion by Sommers with support by Warmbein to pass ordinance. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, King- Yes, motion carried.
- Ordinance adoption: Motion by Warmbein with support by King to adopt Ordinance 25-2024 and to spent up to \$350 on publishing. Roll call: Burcham- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, motion carried to adopt and publish.

**Cemetery Committee:**

- Tree trimming is being put on hold as of now.
- Township responsibility- to move 2 headstones for drive way widening. Company has a 25% down policy but was discussed to do the work and to be paid within 10 days of completion. Will be using dirt from columbarium to fill in rain hole in Glendora.

**Road Committee:** Seal coat is on Wee-chik and on Pardee. Next layer should be done within the next month.

**Website Committee:** Minutes have been updated numbers and tax collection hours for the treasurer have also been added to the website.

**Drains Committee:** Have received 2 notices for drain repair, board will give more detailed update next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Clerk Burcham to work on getting MTO and Sam's sites moved over to her for administrain duties. Motion by Warmbein with support by King. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.
- Old Chairs: Discussion about donating old chairs to Harbor Country Mission. Motion by Burcham with support by Tackitt to look into donating chairs. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion by King with support from Warmbein to adjourn meeting at 10:18 p.m. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Township Clerk  
Erika Burcham