



**WEESAW TOWNSHIP**  
**New Troy, MI 49119**  
Wednesday September 18, 2024



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- **Call Meeting to Order 7:00 p.m.**
- **The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- **Roll Call by Clerk Burcham:** Members Present: Robert Warmbein, Art King, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt, Erika Burcham. All Present
- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Report provided in packet. No officers present. Officers have worked 22 complaints in Weesaw Township
- **Set/Amend Agenda Items:** Motion by Warmbein with support from King to accept agenda as presented with an addition to the Fire Department. Voice vote: all aye. Motion carried
- **Supervisor Gary Sommers:** Sommers reiterated rules of the meeting.
- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Report:** No report this month Krauss not present.
- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items:** Al Debrito- wanted to talk with the township about him running for Berrien County Sheriff in November. Explained his background.
- **Accounts Payable:** Sommers and King went through the township payables earlier in the day. They found no discrepancies. Motion by King with support from Burcham to pay township bills in the amounts of: general fund for \$70,384.04, fire department for \$5,173.12, Ambulance for \$8,540.95, road department for \$41,813.50, and the sewer for \$5,831.83 for a total of \$131,743.44. Roll call: King- Yes, Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried.
- **Broadband Internet Update:** Nothing new at this time. Was reiterated that this project is for residents without internet at all. If resident currently has internet that they will not be apart of this project.
- **Fire Dept:** Chief Nitz stated that they had 3 calls for the month. Two being PI accidents and one being a CO alarm. Fire department had 3 meeting this month, it was a truck check. Firefighters also had training this month in roof ventilation, saw work, pos. Pressure vent-overhaul.
  - **Board approval:**
    - Insurance on new truck. Truck is currently covered for \$ 653,000 which comes out to \$1,500 a month. Asking for full coverage at cost which was option 2 from the insurance company. That would give us a replacement cost of \$892,000. Motion by Sommers with support from Tackitt to insure new fire truck for \$892,000. Sommers and Tackitt to withdrawal previous motion. New motion from Warmbein with support from King to table insurance until next month as some questions came up from the board. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.
  - Chief is wanting to hire one new employee. Motion by Warmbein with support from Tackitt to hire Camren Mojarek pending background check. Voice vote: all aye. Motion carried.

- Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to amend agenda to add a fire department ordinance and to send the ordinance to the lawyer for review. As as right now we do not have an ordinance for our fire department. Voice vote, all aye. Motion carried.

- **Approve Previous Minutes:** Motion by Warmbein with support from King to accept previous meeting minutes as presented. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tackitt read her prepared report. Motion by King with support from Warmbein to accept the treasurers report as presented. Roll call: Sommers- Yes, Tackitt- Yes, King- Yes, Burcham- Yes, Warmbein- Yes. Motion carried.

- Elizabeth Letter- Resident had presented to the board a letter pertaining to some concerns that she wanted addressed.

Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to extend the meeting to 9:00 p.m. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried

**Parks Committee Update:** Sommers asked for an increase of allotment from \$300 to \$500 for the purchase of park supplies. He wants to make sure that he has enough funds to make all the needed purchases. Motion by Sommers with support from Burcham to increase for post and hardware from \$300 to \$500. Roll call: Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried.

- Landscaping- Sommers asked for \$100 for the purchase of grass seed. Motion by Sommers with support from King to approve up to \$100 for the purchase of grass seed. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.
- Signs- Jack Dodds provided an estimate from Dornbos for all the cemetery and park signs. Motion by Warmbein with support from Burcham for the purchase of signs up to \$550. Roll call: Tackitt- Yes, Sommers- Yes, King- Yes, Warmbein- Yes, Burcham- Yes. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission:** Nothing new to report meeting minutes provided

**Cemetery Committee:**

- Defreeze- No information as of yet
- Arndt- We are now scheduled to begin work around October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- KC Tree- We are working with KC Tree to clean up the old pine tree in New Troy

**Road Committee:** Nothing new to report

**Website Committee:**

**Drains Committee:** Just received a new work order for drain maintenance

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Street light- After being reviewed by the clerk it is determined that there is enough coverage to not have to raise the assessment fee.
- Ribbon cutting- Motion by Sommers with support from Warmbein to cancel the October 4<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting on the park until Spring. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.
- Sewer Pump- Weechik Rd pump failed. A back up pump was placed in there for now. Was informed by GRSD that a new one would cost us around \$6,000 and a rebuild is around \$1,500. Motion by

Warmbein with support from Burcham to table so that more research can be done on this matter. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

- EagleView: Township talked with assessor Angela Story and code enforcement officer Robert Krauss for input. Motion by Warmbein with support from Sommers to pass on this agreement at this time. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried

**Adjournment:** Motion by Sommers with support from Tackitt to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Voice vote: all aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Township Clerk,  
Erika Burcham