WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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 Green**: Members Present: Wanda Green, Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein. Members Absent: Michelle Tackitt (arrived @ 7:07 p.m.)

- **Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Rep:** Representative was not present due to continued Coronavirus outbreak. Report provided indicated the following activity for Weesaw Township during the period of 06/01-06/30/2021: 28 complaints, 2 tickets issued; 1 arrest.

- **Set/Amend Agenda Items**: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to add the Center of the World Run, October 13, 2021, to the Agenda, under Fire Dept. report. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- **Patrick Sage, Senior Manager, Kruggel Lawton, CPAs**: Mr. Sage presented the Fiscal Year 2020-21 audit report – Unmodified opinion, materially accurate. He reported that the township is in a financial positive position. He provided information on the various township companies. It was a very favorable audit for the Township provided to the board members. He provided bound audit reports to all board members.
- 7:07 p.m.: Michelle Tackitt arrived during the Audit presentation by Mr. Sage.

- **Public Comments/Hearing of Persons present on Agenda Items**: None.

- **Accounts Payable**: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, as follows: General Fund $20,982.19; Fire Dept. $6,880.43, Ambulance $2,516.34; Sewer $6,622.16, Sewer PH II Note Pmt. (Interest only) $13,179.37 for a grand total of $50,180.49. Roll call vote, all ayes (King, Sommers, Warmbein, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

- **Robert Krauss, Code Enforcement Officer:** Robert Krauss was not present due to his not having heard from the township attorney and having no new information regarding past tickets written, and thus not knowing what was happening with the tickets he had issued some time ago. There were questions from the audience concerning the blight in the township, such as can the blight be handled without going through the court system? King is looking into and will get back to the board with information.

- **Fire Dept**: There were 9 calls in the past month (long month due to the Berrien County Youth Fair during last month, thus scheduling the meeting one week earlier than usual): 1 grass fire, 2 PI accidents, 1 CO alarm, 3 utility calls, 2 other calls to man the fire house by the County. Training: Truck checks, Jaws/high voltage/new hot sticks/carbon monoxide meter training.
- Other Fire Issues: Send Amanda Bronson to Pump operation & driving training class @ $300. Send 3 firefighters (Adrianna Burkhard-Ayala, Jon Klettke, and Jason Wiedenman to Firefighter 1 & 2 Class @ $750 total. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to pay $1,050 to pay for training for the two preceding firefighters' trainings. Roll call vote, all ayes (Warmbein, Tackitt, Sommers, King, Green), motion carried.

- Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to pay up to $2,000 to service the fire trucks. Roll call vote, all ayes (Sommers, King, Green, Tackitt, Warmbein), motion carried.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by Sommers, to pay up to $1,050 for MIOSHA audit by Villa Environmental. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Warmbein, Sommers, King, Green), motion carried.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to approve a pancake breakfast at the township hall on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- Other Information: A chain saw was purchased; regarding the recent MIOSHA investigation, no citations were issued and all is well.
- On Saturday, October 23, 2021, FONT will be hosting a 5k & 10k walk/run. They wish to use several fire trucks at certain locations to control traffic. Motion by Warmbein, supported by Tackitt, to approve this action. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. It was reported FONT will make a donation for this activity to help with the funding of the Halloween party.
- Sommers reported that a $14,500 grant written by Clerk Wanda Green was received from TC Energy Foundation, which will go towards making Fire Dept. MIOSHA compliant. We should keep receipts of expenditures for future confirmation of this spending.
- Motion by Warmbein, supported by King, to table the Resolution for Approval of the Weesaw Twp. Fire Dept. to Participate in the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division (Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement), which is for mutual aid throughout the State of MI. Several board members were not in favor of voting on this without reading the agreement in its entirety. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- **Approve Previous Minutes**: Motion by King, supported by Warmbein, to approve the Regular Board Minutes of August 11, 2021, as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** Burnham & Flowers provided the insurance premium for the upcoming year. All board members and the Fire Dept. should quickly review and provide any updates to be made. Approve at the next meeting prior to December meeting.
- **American Rescue Funds:** Green provided necessary information and funds are expected shortly.

Other Township Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bank balances provided. Tax collection completed. Tackitt indicated that interest is charged at 1% per month for past-due taxes, and people can pay them to her rather than at the county office.

At approximately 8:40 p.m., motion by Sommers, supported by Warmbein, to extend the meeting one hour. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Building Zoning Administrator: No report received. Sommers indicated that Kaufman had said he would talk with the three candidates for the position and he would recommend who he felt would be the best choice.

Green left the meeting at 8:54 p.m., prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green, Clerk