

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Supervisor Sandford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Lauer, Baker, Baiardi, Hollingsworth, Sandford.

Visitors: John Riggs, DeAnna Schlappi, Lyndsay Schlappi, Sue Matsko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda: The Agenda was approved as presented by consensus with the addition of:  
j. Emergency Management Meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 13, 2019 as presented with one correction: Under the motion for a Platted Lot Division on page 2 – add plat of “Emmet Beach”. Lauer seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs presented his written report.

Quiet Island: **Baker made a motion to reject the proposed name of Quiet Island for the area north of the Michigan Inland Waterway in Emmet County as presented by Lawrence Smith. Lauer seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Recycle Drop-Site: The subject of possibly establishing a drop-site for County Recycling in West Traverse Township was discussed. Sandford will ask someone from the Emmet County DPW to attend our next Board meeting to review options for recycling.

Abood Settlement: The Abood tax appeal case has been settled.

FEMA: Sandford reviewed some of the latest information from FEMA.

Revenues and Expenditures: The revenues and expenditures report through 8-31-19 was reviewed.

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Approved: October 8, 2019 with one correction: Under Noise Ordinance, replace the sentence with: *The lack of ability for enforcement precludes having a Noise Ordinance.*

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Budget Amendments: **Baker made a motion to adopt the Resolution to amend the 2019-2020 budget as follows:**

**Increase Thorne Swift Fund “TS Publishing” by \$150.00 to \$650.00.**

**Decrease General Fund “FEMA Flood Plain” by \$110,000.00 to \$10,000.00.**

**Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote: Baker – yes, Lauer – yes, Baiardi - yes, Hollingsworth – yes,  
Sandford – yes.**

Perry Farm Village Sidewalk Trees: It was brought to Sandford’s attention that the trees that run along the Perry Farm sidewalk are hanging too low. Arrangements were made to have the trees trimmed, remove the grass from the cracks and edge the sidewalk.

Flag Policy: **Hollingsworth made a motion to accept the Proposed Flag Policy as presented. Sandford seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote: Lauer – yes, Baker – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Baiardi – no,  
Sandford – yes.**

Noise Ordinance: ~~It was agreed that the Township Board has no interest in creating a noise ordinance.~~ *The lack of ability for enforcement precludes having a Noise Ordinance.*

Emergency Management Meeting: Sandford reviewed the information for the upcoming Emergency Management meeting in the County.

Clerk’s Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer’s Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

**Sandford made a motion that the Township absorb the interest owed to Abood as a result of the Tribunal settlement. Baker seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Master Plan for any possible changes.

Zoning Administrator Report: David White had presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift: No report.

LTBBOI Litigation: The Federal Court ruled against the LTBBOI.

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Supervisor's Report: No report.

Approve Payables and Payroll: **Lauer made a motion to approve the payables and payroll as presented. Baker seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Public Comment: None.

Board Comment: Baker reported that the culverts have been placed on Five Mile Creek near Pond Hill Farm.

Lauer stated that she would like to have more discussion regarding a new Township hall. She pointed out that there is a lot of rot on the outside of the building and other areas of deterioration. There was discussion as to what the beginning process should be to proceed with ideas for a new Township hall. The Board members will try to come up with a list of other townships where they can go and look at their buildings for some ideas.

Hollingsworth pointed out that the Harbor Springs city beach does not look like it is being kept up very well. There have also been some complaints about the skate park. The Township contributes to the cost of the maintenance for the various recreational sites in the City.

Hollingsworth will compose a letter to the City.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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