

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

Supervisor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 6:00

Roll Call: Green, Mooradian, Hollingsworth, Bartlett, Baiardi

Absent:

Visitors: Dawson Moore, *Amy Peters*

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Agenda and Additional Items: **Approved by consensus.**

Public comments: Moore thanks the Board for having him on the Planning Commission again.

Approval of Minutes: **Baiardi moved to approve the minutes as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Approved by consensus. Hollingsworth abstained as she was absent for the December meeting.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Action on rezoning request: Bartlett reviews the rezoning request from Michael Woodham, case 02-2021. Bartlett states the Planning Commission denied the request, so now it comes to the Township Board for action and to make a final decision on it. Mooradian discusses the memo from the County and states that at some time we need to allow some growth to keep this community thriving, but she agrees with the decision of the Planning Commission.

Hollingsworth states she is on the fence with it and feels the storage units would be a great buffer between commercial and residential. Hollingsworth continues, if the Planning Commission denied it based on the Woodhams could do whatever they want once it is rezoned commercial, she would have to agree with that denial. Hollingsworth states if they had approved it based on a conditional use specifically for the storage, then she would agree with that. **Mooradian makes a motion to deny zoning change on parcel 16-15-12-100-031, case 02-2021. Bartlett seconds the motion.**

Roll call: Baiardi – no, Hollingsworth – yes, Green – yes, Mooradian – yes, Bartlett - yes

Large Gathering Ordinance review: Bartlett states the advice of the Township's attorney, hours of operation cannot be added in the ordinance. Bartlett talks about the final draft of the Large Gathering Ordinance, and he believes it is the right one. **Bartlett makes a motion to adopt the Large Gathering Ordinance as submitted. Green seconds the motion.**

Roll call: Hollingsworth – yes, Green – yes, Mooradian – yes, Baiardi – yes, Bartlett - yes

Budget input for 2022-23:

Proposed: January 11, 2022

Accepted: February 8, 2022 with corrections in italics and bold, under Visitors and Supervisor

Millages – General, Road, Thorne Swift: Bartlett discusses the millages.

Compensation – report of Personnel Committee meeting 1/5/22: Bartlett and the Board discuss the report of the Personnel Committee meeting.

Thorne Swift budget requests: The Board discusses the \$4000 project request from Thorne Swift.

Routine Expenses – Wurster rate increase: **Green makes a motion to approve the requested new rate of \$220 per hour. Mooradian seconds the motion. All yes.**

Road improvements – ECRC meeting 1/24/22, 7pm: Everyone is aware of the meeting scheduled for the ECRC meeting on 1/24/22.

Any special items: None

Approve Birchwood EMS cost: Bartlett states he has not received the Birchwood EMS cost yet.

Clerk Report: Clerk gives her report.

Treasurer Report: Hollingsworth states she gave everyone her distribution package in their mailboxes to review and to contact her with any questions.

Planning Commission: Baiardi presents the Planning Commission report.

Zoning Administrator: Bartlett states the Zoning Administrator report is in the packet and the Board will receive the year-end report soon.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: None

LTBBOI Litigation: None

Supervisor: Bartlett states he does not have the Cross Connection Contract or the Fire Department year-end report yet but will include it in next month's packet if received. Bartlett states "we continue to work to review Breckenridge Farm's documents in light of their request to submit a new special use permit, to provide lessons, and become more commercial." Bartlett states "***After review by the Township Attorney***, it is clear that the 1996 District Court Order forbids any use of that property other than private and non-commercial use." Bartlett states "the order supersedes any of the Township activities that have happened over there." Bartlett continues, "if the farm wants to change the use they will need to go to the court, open that case, and convince the court of what they want to do". Bartlett states he has communicated that to the owner.

Approve payables & payroll: **Green makes a motion to approve as submitted. Mooradian seconds the motion. All yes.**

Public comments: None

Board comments:

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 7:07

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
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