

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 12, 2020**

Supervisor Sandford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Meeting was conducted via telephone conferencing.

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Jim Bartlett, Paul Mooradian, Dave White, Dave Green, Anne Mooradian.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: The agenda was approved by consensus.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2020 as presented. Lauer seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs had presented his written report.

Opening the Township Hall: Until the lockdown is lifted, everything is on hold. Sandford will ask Cantrell if he could build a larger box for the Lake Rd. door, with a larger opening to accept Fed Ex envelopes and a larger volume of tax payments and ballots. We will encourage the use of the drop box rather than a trip into the office when things open up. Appropriate signage should be posted.

Secretary Compensation: It was determined that we would continue as we have been doing with the compensation.

**Motion by Sandford to authorize full pay thru May 28, 2020 and until the next Board Meeting on June 9, 2020 if the Governor's lockdown order is extended past the May 28, 2020 date. Second by Baker.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Consideration of Ordinance 1 of 2020 – Event Facilities: There were some questions from the Board about various aspects of the amendment. Planning Commission Chair Mooradian was on the phone to answer questions posed.

**Sandford offered a motion to conditionally adopt Ordinance 1 of 2020 – Event Facilities, contingent on the Planning Commission recommending it to the Board at their May 13,**

Proposed: May 12, 2020

Approved: June 9, 2020

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**2020 meeting and provided there are no substantial changes. Supervisor Sandford is authorized to document to the Board that there have been no substantial changes, as was suggested by legal counsel. Second by Baker.**

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

Consideration of Ordinance 2 of 2020 – Solar: Much discussion of the disallowance of the panels in the front yard. The Board sent it back to the Planning Commission to reconsider this aspect of the amendment, urging the PC to have an open mind about allowing placement in front yards that would offer enough room while not being obtrusive to neighbors or passersby on roads. Screening was offered as an option in some cases. The rest of the amendment was acceptable.

Consideration of Ordinance 3 of 2020 – Accessory Buildings: Much discussion about the addition of 407:1 (G) Accessory Building Materials, disallowing the use of non-rigid materials to serve as roofs. Some Board members felt this was too restrictive and should be an option for those unable to afford a regular construction of a garage. The Planning Commission was asked to reconsider. The rest of the amendment was acceptable.

Clerk’s Report: Baiardi gave her report. **Sandford offered motion to authorize the Clerk to arrange for a second tabulator, in the best interest of the township, to be used for an AV Counting Board. Lauer seconded.**

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

Treasurer’s Report: Hollingsworth gave her report.

Planning Commission: PC meeting May 13, 2020 with Public Hearing on Master Plan and Recommendation of Ordinance amendments to the Board.

Zoning Administrator: David White presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: No report.

LTTBOI Litigation: No report

Supervisor 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.**

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Public Comments: None

Board Comments: No comments

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk