

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2019**

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Elaine Keiser, Paul Mooradian, Tom Adams, Stu Fenton,
Steve Schnell, David White, Sue Matsko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: The agenda was approved by consensus with the addition of “Barn Roofs” under g.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2019 as presented. Baker seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Baiardi made a motion to approve the Special meeting minutes of April 23, 2019 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs gave his written report.

Perry Farm Village PUD Amendment #4 (Parcel #24-16-15-11-481-107): Supervisor Sandford thanked the Planning Commission and the Planner, Steve Schnell and the Zoning Administrator, David White, for doing a great job thoroughly vetting the application. Before deliberation started on the Perry Farm Village PUD Amendment, Baker let the Board know that he owns a half share in one of the units in Perry Farm.

Hollingsworth made a motion to allow John Baker to participate in the discussion and decision regarding the Perry Farm Village PUD Amendment. Lauer seconded the motion.

Vote: ~~All yes.~~ 4 yes, 1 abstained.

The Township attorney, Joel Wurster, had reviewed the Perry Farm application and the Planning Commission’s recommended approval and issued his recommendations for the Board to review.

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Sandford made a motion to approve the Perry Farm PUD Amendment #4, per the agreement drafted by Attorney Wurster with the following changes:

Consider conditions C & D having been met; that condition F will have to be met before the agreement can be signed; we can delay condition G, the permanent sidewalk easement acceptable to the Township, until the first 80 feet is completed by Perry Farm Village and/or developer; that we add to condition M the wording “regardless of any provisions in the Perry Farm Village condominium documents, any commercial use is not approved and is therefore is not permitted; we accept L as it is written; that the Township will sign the agreement after all conditions (with exceptions as noted) have been completed; and this agreement has been signed by Perry Farm Development Company and Birchwood Construction Company, then the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk will sign the agreement. At that time, the Zoning Administrator can issue a zoning permit.

Baiardi seconded the motion.

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

Blight Enforcement:

David White, Township Zoning Administrator, reviewed the updates on the current properties with blight issues with two being proposed as new properties that need to be looked at. All of these properties were discussed.

Sandford made a motion that the Board evidences its support for advancement to continue blight enforcement action on Allan & Deanna Schlappi of 3424 Quick Rd. (Parcel #24-16-15-01-400-002, 004 & 005); John Wilde of 7521 S. Lake Shore Dr. (Parcel #24-16-15-09-400-020); Jonathan Werden of 6344 Hoyt Rd. (Parcel #24-1615-01-200-019) and Frieda Lindahl of 6944 S. State Rd. (Parcel #24-16-15-01-300-023). Baiardi seconded the motion.

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

Township Hall Backup Generator: There was discussion regarding the process for acquiring a generator and the costs involved. There was a consensus to go forward with a new generator.

Sandford made a motion to approve the authorization to pay DTE \$485 to install a new meter and the additional costs for Fairbairn to modify the gas line appropriately for the new meter. Baker seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Alanson Area Public Library Contract Renewal: **Baiardi made a motion that the Township renew the contract with the Alanson Area Public Library for their services at \$3.00 per West Traverse Township Regular Board Meeting May 14, 2019**

capita as requested in the agreement and authorize Supervisor Sandford to sign the contract.

Baker seconded the motion.

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

Newsletter Topics: The Township newsletter was discussed and what should be put in it. There was discussion about sending out a survey from the Planning Commission regarding the review of the Master Plan as well as a brochure for Thorne Swift and when they should be sent. It was agreed that the Thorne Swift brochure and the Township survey would be sent out separately. A Township newsletter could be sent out at the end of the year summarizing the results of the survey.

Tree Stumps Adjacent to Lakeview Cemetery: **Baker made a motion to approve Supervisor Sandford to arrange to get the tree stumps adjacent to Lakeview Cemetery ground down at a cost of less than \$2,000. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Barn Roofs: Baker stated that there is some roof damage to both the small garage and the roof on the shed attached to the large barn on the west side. The results of the asbestos report will be brought to the next meeting.

Lauer made a motion to authorize Baker to contact Dave Cantrell to repair the roof on the small garage. Sandford seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 yes. 2 no.

Clerk's Report: Baiardi gave her report.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth gave her report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Zoning Administrator: David White presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: No report.

LTTBOI Litigation: Sanford reviewed the current update for the LTTBOI Litigation.

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Supervisor Report: Sanford presented his written report.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth said that the MTA meeting was very interesting. The new Harbor Springs aerial fire truck was used to help Petoskey fight a fire. Recreational marijuana will be the topic at the next MTA meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

Proposed: May 14, 2019

Approved: June 11, 2019 with one correction: Page 1 under Vote for Perry Farm Village PUD Amendment – 4 yes, 1 abstained.

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Amendment – 4 *yes*, 1 *abstained*.