

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Andi Shepherd, Dave Green, Molly Ballor, Sue Matsko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: The agenda was approved as presented with the deletion of f. Township Hall.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2019 as presented with one correction: Replace the sentence under Noise Ordinance with: *The lack of ability for enforcement precludes having a Noise Ordinance.* Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**
Vote: All yes.

Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 23, 2019 as presented. Sandford seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs presented his written report.

Recycle Drop-Site: Andi Shepherd, Emmet County DPW Director, was here to explain why it could be a good idea to have a recycle drop-site in West Traverse Township. Sandford explained the position of the West Traverse Township Board as to why they did not believe it would be appropriate for a drop-site in the Township.

Motions for Contracts and Agreements: **Sandford made a motion to approve the West Traverse Township Zoning Administrator Contract of Employment with David M. White, dated September 23, 2019, with annual compensation of \$12,000 for the contract term of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 and authorize Supervisor Sandford to sign the**

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contract. Baiardi seconded the motion.

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

Sandford made a motion to approve the West Traverse Township Assessor Contract of Employment with Joe Lavender, dated September 23, 2019, with annual compensation of \$30,000 plus \$100.00 for each completed land division for the contract term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 and authorize Supervisor Sandford to sign the contract. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Sandford made a motion to approve the West Traverse Township Agreement for Appraisal Services with Nick Couture, dated September 23, 2019, at a rate of \$20 per parcel appraised to a maximum of \$6,000 for the agreement term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 and to authorize Supervisor Sandford to sign the agreement. Lauer seconded the motion.

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

Budget Amendment: Sandford made a motion that be it resolved that the Township’s 2019-2020 operating budget is hereby amended to increase the Water Fund “New Construction Cost” expenditure account from \$10,000 to \$11,000 to cover the final payment on the Hughston Road Booster Station project. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Snow Removal: Baiardi made a motion to approve the use of Lauer Pest Control for snowplowing services for the 2019-2020 season. Lauer seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Road Projects Final Billings: Sandford outlined the final billing for the 2019 Road projects in the Township, which was under budget.

Clerk’s Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer’s Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission has been reviewing some of the Master Plan.

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Zoning Administrator: David White had presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: No report.

LTBBOI Litigation: No report.

Supervisor's Report: Sandford said that a wireless transmitter may be needed for the upstairs in the Township hall.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Dave Green introduced himself and his wife as new full-time residents in the Township. He did state that he agreed with the Board on their decision regarding the recycle drop-site.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth asked whether there had been a decision regarding a newsletter for this year. At this time, it will wait for next year.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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