

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Supervisor Sandford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person as well as through telephone conferencing.

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

Visitors: John Riggs (phone), Paul Mooradian (phone), Robert and Kathlynn Clark (phone), Jim and Cheryl Williams (phone), Dawson Moore (phone), Annie Mooradian (phone), Jim Bartlett (phone).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Public Comments: Jim Williams stated that there are continuing violations directly behind his home by 45 North. He sent video and photographs to the Zoning Administrator, David White, of 45 North working outside of their business and not adhering to the C-1 specifications of conducting a business solely within a building. It was documented on September 2, 2020 and also today, September 8, 2020. They are continuing to power wash boats outside and partially inside. Mr. Williams said that they have provided documentation to the Township since 2016 and 45 North has continued to violate the ordinance. He feels that they have done their due diligence and are asking the Board when can they expect a resolution of this problem. Sandford stated that David White had contacted him today about this problem. Mr. White will be addressing this situation in the very near future. Mr. Clark stated that he is also very concerned with the noise because it prevents his family from enjoying their back yard. Sandford explained the process of dealing with the violation. Sandford stated that he would make sure Mr. White would follow up with the parties involved. The property owner is Marty MacGregor and he is ultimately the person who is responsible with what happens on his property.

Approve Minutes: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2020 as presented. Lauer seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs presented his written report.

Assessor Contract Renewal: **Sandford made a motion that the Board renew the West Traverse Township Assessor Contract of Employment with Joe Lavender with a 3% annual compensation increase from \$30,000 to \$30,900 (\$2,575 per month for 18 months**

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for a total of \$46,350) plus \$100.00 for each completed land/platted lot division for the term of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022, and to authorize Supervisor Sandford to update and sign the contract. Baiardi seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Administrator Contract Renewal: Sandford made a motion that the Board approves the West Traverse Township Zoning Administrator contract of Employment with David M. White, with a 3% annual compensation increase from \$12,000 to \$12,360 (\$1,030 per month for 19 months for a total of \$19,570) for the term of September 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022, and to authorize Supervisor Sandford to update and sign the contract. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Assessing Appraisal Services Agreement Renewal: Sandford made a motion to renew the West Traverse Township Agreement for Appraisal Services with Nick Couture with an increase from \$20.00 to \$21.00 per parcel appraised to an annual maximum of \$6,300 (\$9,450 for 18 months) for the term of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022, and to authorize Supervisor Sandford to update and sign the agreement. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

2021 Road Projects: Sandford made a motion that the Township Board request that the Road Commission obtain a bid for re-paving Lake Road from the City limit to the M-119 intersection for 2021. Lauer seconded the motion.

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

Website: Sandford reviewed the new Township website being created.

Clerk's Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission: Baiardi presented her report.

Zoning Administrator: David White had presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: No report.

LTBBOI Litigation: No report.

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Supervisor: No report.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Paul Mooradian asked if the road millage language was specific as to what roads the millage funds could be used for. Sandford said that there was no language in the road millage specific to any particular roads. Mooradian had some comments regarding renting houses in the Township.

Jim Bartlett complimented John Riggs on his good summer that he had at Thorne Swift.

Board Comments: Sandford stated that he may not be at the Board meeting in October.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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