

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 13, 2021**

Supervisor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: David Green, Annie Mooradian, Kristi Hollingsworth, Jim Bartlett, Cindy Baiardi

Visitors: Ryan Charles, John Riggs, Jim Moreen, Paul Mooradian

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Agenda and Additional Items: Emmet housing, Action Item "d", was removed from the agenda as updated documents had not been received.

**Hollingsworth moved to approve the agenda as amended. Green seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.**

Public Comments: Attorney Ryan Charles spoke on behalf of his clients and requested that the Planning Commission be asked to review a portion of the Zoning Ordinance that may require further clarification.

Approval of Minutes: **Green moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs presented his written report. He requested \$1000 to order T-shirts to sell to visitors. This will also cover the cost of shirts for the staff.

**Green moved to approve \$1000 for the purchase of T-shirts for Thorne Swift as requested. Mooradian seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote: Hollingsworth - yes, Green - yes, Mooradian - yes, Baiardi - yes, Bartlett - yes.**

CLFRF Determination: The Township Board needs to decide whether or not to accept the CLFRF funds that the State is distributing on behalf of the Federal Government. The three options are to accept the funds, decline and request the funds be transferred to the State or decline and request that the funds be allocated to other townships.

**Green moved to have the Clerk complete the application process she has been working on and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreements to accept the funds. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote: Green - yes, Mooradian - yes, Hollingsworth - yes, Baiardi - yes, Bartlett - yes.**

MTA Principles of Governance: MTA requested that Boards affirm the Principles of Governance. The Board signed the document.

MML Election: **Bartlett moved that the Township Board authorizes its vote to be cast for the Trustees endorsed by the Nominating Committee. Seconded by Green.**

**Roll Call Vote: Green - yes, Hollingsworth - yes, Baiardi - yes, Mooradian - yes, Bartlett - yes.**

Memo concerning Brek-N-Ridge Farm: The memo was reviewed and since there are complaints about the manure on the Township '80' the Zoning Administrator will talk to the owner of the Farm and determine what is happening with the property. There is a concern that the farm is operating as a business and not as a private riding stable. If that is the case, the Special Land Use Permit would be voided. The Special Land Use Permit only allows for the private operation of the stable. The Board affirmed that the Zoning Administrator should inquire about the existing permit and report back to the Board.

Blight Enforcement Motion: Blight situation was discussed.

**Baiardi moved that the Board reaffirm the Township's desire to pursue blight enforcement against the owners of the properties outlined in the memo dated July 12, 2021 and to have the Zoning Enforcement Officer begin the process to resolve. Seconded by Mooradian.**

**Roll Call Vote: Baiardi - yes, Hollingsworth - yes, Green - yes, Mooradian - yes, Bartlett - yes.**

Clerk's Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for July 14, 2021 has been cancelled.

Zoning Administrator: White had presented a written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: The order for the authorized signs has been placed.

LTBBOI Litigation: An email update from the Attorney was included in the board packet.

Supervisor's Report: Bartlett gave his report. A small group had met with Pond Hill to discuss the Large Gathering Ordinance and traffic issues.

Approve Payables and Payroll: **Mooradian moved to approve the payables and payroll as submitted. Green seconded the motion.**

**Approved by consensus.**

Public Comments: Paul Mooradian reported he was part of the informational meeting with Pond Hill Farm on July 12, 2021. He said the applicant has failed to follow up and is now asking to put everything on hold until December. Mooradian feels the applicant has been given grace

regarding the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance and any event held now is in violation of the Ordinance, just as they have been for the past few years. Mooradian hears from residents about the inconsistencies in enforcement of the Ordinance and would like the Board to address this to ensure that the Ordinance is enforced consistently.

Board comments: Hollingsworth and Mooradian agreed that the Township Board should be fair across the board. Bartlett feels that the Township Board is trying to correct overlooked problems from the past and it will take time. He feels positive that the Township Board is moving forward on these issues. Green says it should be equal and fair enforcement.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Tracy Beckley, Township Secretary