

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

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

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

Visitors: John Baker, John Riggs, Elizabeth Fergus-Jean, John Fergus-Jean, DeAnne Schlappi, Alan Schlappi

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Agenda and Additional Items: **Green moved to approve the agenda. Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.**

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: **Baiardi moved to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: Riggs presented his written report.

Benchmark ARPA recommendations: Half of the ARPA funds have been received. Discussion followed regarding the water system and the upgrades that need to be done. Board Members were in agreement this is an acceptable use of the funds and Bartlett will continue discussion with Benchmark and Lucas (City Water Dept.) on the plan going forward. The Township has three years to spend the funds and the first reporting period has been moved from October 31, 2021 to the next year.

Large Gathering Ordinance review: Bartlett states everyone has the version 2 from Wurster and correspondence containing clarification on some items. Lighting of the facility, hours allowable for events and camping were discussed. Wurster cautioned about eliminating camping and suggested that there are State laws that need to be followed if someone wants to operate a campground. Establishment of camp grounds under the laws would solve the problem. It was agreed that the facility needs to provide proper illumination during evening and night time events to ensure safety of patrons and visitors. The Board felt the language suggested by Wurster for the lighting was appropriate. The Board was also in agreement that the Sheriff will have sign off power on the security requirements and traffic control. The Fire Chief will have jurisdiction when it comes to determining Fire Protection for the event. The remainder of the revisions from Wurster were reviewed and approved. The Supervisor will convey the Board suggestions and edits to Wurster and we will have the next draft for our November meeting.

Proposed: October 12, 2021
Accepted: November 9, 2021

Pond Hill Farm SUP fee: There was discussion regarding the additional fee that was charged as a result of the continued delays and eventual resubmittal of the Special Use Permit request. **Green moved to waive the second fee. Supported by Bartlett. Mooradian – No, Baiardi – No, Green – Yes, Bartlett – yes, Hollingsworth – yes**

Renew LTC/Thorne Swift Lease: This is the 4th extension. It is done every five years. **Baiardi moved to approve the lease renewal. Support by Mooradian. All yes.**

Snow Removal: Snow removal has been done for several years by Lauer Pest. We are pleased with the work and the prices quoted for the coming year remain the same. **Green moved to approve the Lauer Pest snow removal proposal. Hollingsworth supported. All yes.**

Clerk Report – Clerk gave her report.

Treasurer Report – Hollingsworth gave her report and mentioned she will hold payouts until the December BOR is over. The County is in agreement with this.

Planning Commission – Baiardi gave her report.

Zoning Administrator – White had submitted his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee – Baker reported that the wood chips on the Township '80 trails are decomposing but have made a big difference in slowing the erosion. He would like to have them re-done. He has a quote from Phillips to buy and spread the chips, not to exceed \$800. **Baiardi moved to approve the request for the not to exceed price of \$800 for wood chips on trails. Green supported. All-yes.**

Hollingsworth asks if there is a winter plan for bike path on Hoyt Rd. Bartlett states it was amended a few years ago. Signs marking private property and township property were put up and working well.

LTBBOI Litigation – No report.

Supervisor – Bartlett gave his report. The Emmet County Transit Authority offered to present their proposal to the Board. The Board declined. Neil Ahrens will be canvassing the townships in his District about that proposal. We are continuing to search for a Township Secretary.

Approve payables & payroll: Mooradian moved to approve. Second by Hollingsworth. All yes.

Public Comments – Alan and DeAnne Schlappi both spoke to the frustration they have with the inability to come to agreement with the Township and the condition of their homes and yards. The Schlappi's have tried to clean the areas up but feel the Township has not conveyed to them what they want done in order to be "in compliance". They do have Ag property and farming that occurs. Bartlett will talk to White and they will work with the Schlappis to come up with a plan of action.

Board Comments – None

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 6:00PM.

Supervisor Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 7:13.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
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