

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2008**

Supervisor Sandford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Carpenter, DeCamp, Sandford, Hollingsworth, Fisher.

Visitors: Sandra Lauer, John Riggs, Jerry Lauer, John Baker, Joey Arbaugh, Alford LaCount, Andy Lawrence, Patrick Rollins, Larry Luciani, Carolyn Sandford, Susan Matsko.

Public Comments: Patrick Rollins stated that he and another helicopter pilot were attending the meeting to answer any questions regarding helicopter issues.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 Board meeting as presented. DeCamp seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.

Review Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clerk's Report: Fisher reminded the Board of upcoming meetings and seminars. The Township is ready for the primary election on January 15, 2008.

Treasurer's Report: Revenue sharing was received in the amount of \$16,730.00. Board of Review changes have been made.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission's January meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Rental Property Report: Rent is paid to date.

Budget Report: Supervisor Sandford reviewed the budget as of 12-31-07.

Thorne Swift Committee: The Thorne Swift Committee had met and reviewed what would be needed for the next year. They will be working on a five year plan for future expenditures.

Road Commission Update: DeCamp made a motion to adopt the following resolution: Whereas the Township's 2008 primary road allocation would be better utilized by returning it to the Emmet County Road Commission to be pooled with the County's allocation and allocations similarly returned from other Townships, now, therefore,

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be it resolved that the West Traverse Township Board agrees to return its primary road allocation for 2008, amounting to \$3,655.00, to the Emmet County Road Commission. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Carpenter – yes, DeCamp – yes, Fisher – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes.

Future road maintenance plans were discussed.

Secretary Compensation: Hollingsworth made a motion that the Township Board increase the secretary's wages, beginning with the next fiscal year of April 1, 2008, to 2.5% for the annual cost of living increase plus another \$0.35 an hour for superior performance. DeCamp seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Carpenter – no, DeCamp – yes, Fisher – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Authority Rate Increase: The Sewer Authority will be implementing a 1.75% increase per year for sewer rates.

2008-2009 Budget Considerations: Supervisor Sandford reviewed considerations for the next budget year of 2008-2009.

Township Election Schedule: Filing deadlines for anyone wanting to run for Township office is May 13, 2008.

Approval of Payables: Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the payables as presented. Carpenter seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: The helicopter pilots who attended the meeting offered to answer any questions.

Board Comments: None.

Adjournment: DeCamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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