

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

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

Present: Carpenter, DeCamp, Sandford, Fisher. Susan Matsko was sitting in as Deputy Treasurer for Treasurer Kristi Hollingsworth.

Absent: Kristi Hollingsworth.

Visitors: Alford LaCount, Carolyn Sandford, Susan Clarke, Sandra Lauer, Jerry Lauer, Jodi Riggs, Jim Bartlett, John Baker, Barbara Young, Judy Harvey, Tony Morse.

Additional Items for Agenda: Dale Scott to speak to the Board.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: **DeCamp made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting as presented. Carpenter seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Harbor Springs Area District Library Committee: Judy Harvey, representing the Harbor Springs Area District Library Committee, stated that they would like to set up a Planning Committee at this time. They are asking the Township Board to sign a resolution, from West Traverse Township, which says that they would be making a commitment to appoint two people to this Planning Committee and that this committee would decide how the board will be run, where will this new library be built, how it will be funded, etc. This resolution will be looked at during the November Board meeting.

Clerk's Report: Workmen's Compensation audit was completed. Public accuracy test will be next week.

Treasurer's Report: September was an extremely busy time with tax collection. Two CDs were renewed. There is one outstanding sewer payment.

Fisher made a motion to approve Hollingsworth and Matsko attending a Tax Collection Seminar in Gaylord on November 24, 2008 at a cost of \$89.00 per person. DeCamp seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

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Planning Commission Report: Planning Commission is continuing to review the C-1 zoning regulations. There was discussion regarding the Future Land Use Map in the Master Plan and whether there should be any changes made to it.

Dale Scott: Dale Scott is a candidate for a County Commissioner position. He gave a brief presentation as to why he thinks that there needs to be better representation on the County Commission by someone from townships surrounding West Traverse.

Thorne Swift Report: Jodi Riggs stated that fall maintenance is being completed. Fall school trips are going well.

Budget Report: Supervisor Sandford presented the current budget and this was reviewed.

Rental Property: **DeCamp made a motion to raise the rent on 5550 Lake Rd. to \$710.00 per month. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

Fisher made a motion to approve \$1,147.00 with Government discount from Rainbow Seamless Systems for the Cook property to have the 110 feet of gutter, downspouts, etc. put on the building. Sandford seconded the motion.

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

Roads Update: The Hughston Road project has been completed. The work on Middle Road is coming along nicely.

Water System: MDEQ has approved the permit for the larger tank. Perry Farm paid for their extra irrigation meters.

Chimney: Some rotting fascia needed to be replaced and another coat of paint was required for the chimney.

DeCamp made a motion to approve an additional \$1,154.63 for the additional work done on the Township hall chimney. Carpenter seconded the motion.

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

Trees on Ann Street: **DeCamp made a motion to split the cost of removal of the trees on Ann St. with the City of Harbor Springs, spending no more than \$1,400.00. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

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Cook Property Cleanup: \$600.00 will be spent to remove some trees and brush on the Cook property.

Birchwood Medical First Responders: Letters were sent to the Northern Michigan Medical Control and CCE Central Dispatch Authority to inform them of West Traverse Township's support of the Birchwood first responders and to have them paged for all calls in West Traverse Township.

Sewer Telephones: Responsibility for the sewer telephones has been turned over to the Sewer Authority.

False Fire Alarms: There has been no response from Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club regarding payment of their false alarm charges.

New ORV Legislation: There was an article in the Petoskey News Review recently regarding the new ORV legislation.

Projector: **Carpenter made a motion to approve spending up to \$2,000.00 for a projector. DeCamp seconded the motion.**

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

DeVos Helicopter Use: **DeCamp made a motion to table the DeVos helicopter/Horowitz issue until December 9, 2008. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Tony Morse had a question regarding safety in connection with the helicopter.

Board Comments: None.

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

Vote: All yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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