

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll Call: Bartlett, Sandford, Hollingsworth, Fisher.

Absent: Baker.

Visitors: John Riggs, Eve Lauer, Jerry Lauer, Alford LaCount, Sue Matsko.

Approve Agenda & Additional Items: Consideration of three zoning ordinance amendments will be postponed until the November meeting since the zoning administrator has not heard back from the County on those yet. Two items have been added: extension of the Thorne Swift Nature Preserve Lease, consider winter 2011 newsletter topics.

Presentation on Harbor Springs Public School Technology Millage: No one showed up from the school.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2011 with one change: Page 1 under the vote to approve meeting minutes; there was only 1 person who abstained, not 2. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: 3 yes, 1 abstained due to absence at the meeting.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: The Election Commission Committee had a meeting tonight to approve the election inspectors for the upcoming school election.

Treasurer's Report: There are 200 outstanding 2011 summer taxes at this time.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission had a public hearing regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendments for Signs; Day care, charter schools, business schools and private schools; Home office, home occupation and home based businesses.

Proposed: October 11, 2011

Approved: November 15, 2011

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: The Recreation/Thorne Swift committee held a meeting on 9-27-11. There was discussion regarding the Township 80 acres and the boardwalks in Thorne Swift.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs reported that they are still working on replacing sections of the boardwalk. Visitor numbers are still good.

Supervisor's Report: The water reservoir tank has been inspected. The Water Committee held their annual meeting this past week. A survey of the sewer system was done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review Updated Township Policies: **Bartlett made a motion to adopt the Township Policies as presented in a memorandum Draft revision C, dated October 11, 2011. Fisher seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote: Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes, Bartlett – yes, Fisher – yes.

Consider Approval of Lauer Pest Control for Snowplowing: **Bartlett made a motion to accept the services of Lauer Pest Control for snowplowing 2011-2012 at last year's rates. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amend Cook Fund Maintenance Budget: **Bartlett made a motion to amend the Cook fund maintenance budget to \$6,000. Sandford seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Township Hall Holiday Decorations: Fisher volunteered to put up lights and decorations on the front of the Township hall.

Thorne Swift Lease: **Hollingsworth made a motion to authorize Supervisor Sandford to sign the Thorne Swift Nature Preserve lease extension for five years for the Township and that it is acceptable with the Little Traverse Conservancy. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Winter 2011 Township Newsletter Topics: The newsletter proposed topics were discussed.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Eve Lauer thought that the Harbor Springs Schools should be contacted to find out why they were not present at this meeting. Fisher will call the school to talk to them.

Board Comments: None.

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

Vote: All yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary