WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2009

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

Roll Call: Baker, Bartlett, Hollingsworth, Sandford, Fisher.

Visitors: Tim Ward, Marie Ward, Paul Repasky, Jerry Lauer, John Riggs, Alford LaCount, Nancy Sarowski, Joey Arbaugh, Randy Frykberg, Brian Brady, Sue Matsko.

Approve Agenda & Additional Items: Moved up the discussion of outdoor wood burning to the beginning of the meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting with three corrections on Page 2. Under Curbside Recycling, add *"to date"* after returned surveys; under Road Projects, change the last sentence to read *"There are some questions regarding one parcel of property that has a conservation easement with the Little Traverse Conservancy"*.; under Recreation, change *"Sharing Hands" to "Caring Hands"*. Bartlett seconded the motion.**
Vote: All yes.

Discuss Possible Ordinance for Outdoor Wood Burning: A presentation was given by Brian Brady from the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, in regards to outdoor wood burners. He gave a lot of information on how outdoor wood boilers work, how they can be misused, air pollution, health concerns, placement of these units, current EPA standards that are in effect governing the wood boilers. He outlined the pros and cons of these wood boilers and the fact that better ones are being built with minimal pollutants being emitted.
Bartlett made a motion to table this item until the next meeting in November. Baker seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk: Fisher stated that the charge card was set up for purchasing gas from Blarney Castle.

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Bartlett made a motion to authorize adding Supervisor Sandford to the charge card from Blarney Castle. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.

Treasurer: Hollingsworth informed the Board that there is a batch of tax payments that have been lost in the mail. This is being looked into.

Planning Commission: There was no Planning Commission meeting last month.

Revenue & Expenditure Report: A Revenue and Expenditure report was given for the first half of the fiscal year 2009/2010.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs stated that there has continued to be a good turnout at Thorne Swift. Maintenance is up to date. The new snow blower has been delivered.

Recreation Committee/HARBOR, INC.: A trails map for the Township 80 has been developed and once it is completely ready, it will be put on the Township website. The trails are going to be marked. HARBOR, INC. received a donation in order to fund a feasibility study for a non-motorized trail on Lake Road and from the Township hall to Birchwood. A suggestion was made to widen the shoulders on both sides of the road on Lake Road. There was discussion as to whether the Board wants the trails on the Township 80 to be posted as non-motorized and whether there should be a ban on rifle hunting. The Recreation Committee will address these issues.

Road Projects: None.

Water System: The Township received the deed for the booster station property.

Invasive Phragmites: The Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is considering sending a letter to all lakeshore property owners on Little Traverse Bay regarding phragmites and then a separate letter to affected property owners who actually have phragmites.
Bartlett made a motion to support these letters by paying for postage to send to the West Traverse Township residents. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.

Unfinished Business:

Curbside Recycling: **Baker made a motion to table the curbside recycling until there is reason to re-visit the issue. Fisher seconded the motion.**
Vote: All yes.

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Assessor Re-Classification: It was agreed to make Tim and Brian Grimm both employees and pay them as such.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Township Hall Security: **Supervisor Sandford made a motion to accept the bid from EPS for the installed security system with monitoring for three years. Fisher seconded the motion.**
Roll Call Vote: Baker – yes, Bartlett – yes, Fisher – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes.
Bartlett made a motion to authorize Supervisor Sandford to supervise the installation of the security system. Baker seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.

Rental Lease Renewal: **Bartlett made a motion to renew the lease for 5550 Lake Road to the current renters, for the same rate that they have had for the last year, for one more year. Baker seconded the motion.**
Vote: All yes.

Township Hall Holiday Decorations: **Baker made a motion to approve spending up to $100.00 for holiday decorations for the township hall. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**
Vote: All yes.

Payables and Payroll: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve payables as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**
Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth noted that the new furnace is working well.

Adjourn: **Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**
Vote: All yes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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