

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

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

Roll Call: Bartlett, Sandford, Hollingsworth, Fisher.

Absent: Baker

Visitors: John Riggs, Jerry Lauer, Sandra Lauer, Neil Ahrens, Alford LaCount,  
Sue Matsko.

Approve Agenda & Additional Items: One additional item, appoint a Planning Commission member replacement.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2010 as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

**Bartlett made a motion to accept the resignation of Paul Mooradian from the Planning Commission and ZBA. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Clerk's Report: Fisher reported that the November General election went well with a 63.5% voter turnout with 949 voters.

Treasurer's Report: The winter tax bills will be printed and ready to be mailed out soon. There will be one special assessment applied to one tax bill for a delinquent sewer bill. Revenue sharing was received in the amount of \$16,439.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission had a public hearing regarding the erection of a wind energy system, which was approved. They also had a site plan review for a storage building in Franklin Park and that was also approved. The ZBA reviewed the request for guy wires for the WES and that was approved.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: No report.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs reported that all fall maintenance has been completed. He gave a review of the year's activities and numbers.

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Township Hall Projects: The roof over the M-119 entrance has been finished. The exterior painting has been completed. Approximately \$400 has been spent on landscaping.

**Sandford made a motion to approve the additional money for the extra painting that was done on the outside of the Township hall. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Operations: Road projects for 2011 were discussed, in particular Franklin St. and Lightfoot Rd.

**Bartlett made a motion to approve spending \$800 for metal posts at the water reservoir. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

**Fisher made a motion to accept the estimate from Al & Jim's for \$1,200 to remove the trees at the water reservoir, and to waive the need for any additional estimates. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

The phragmites along the shoreline have been sprayed. There will be an increase in taxable values in 2011 of 1.7% for properties that do not have subtractions or additions. Supervisor Sandford will contract with an electrician to address a few electrical problems at the Township hall. The county Road Commission is reviewing information regarding the US Bike Route 35 and will have to make a resolution regarding which route they will approve.

Harbor Springs Area District Library Agreement, Dated October 10, 2010:

**Bartlett made a motion that West Traverse Township approve the Resolution to approve the revised Harbor Springs Area District Library Agreement, dated October 10, 2010. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

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

Follow Up on Harbor Springs Recreation Costs: Sandford and Baker had a meeting with City of Harbor Springs officials to discuss recreation costs. The latest figures should be available in a few weeks.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Discuss 2011 Appointments: Sandford reviewed the current and proposed appointments. These will be finalized in December.

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Consider Topics for Fall Newsletter: Sandford reviewed the topics that will be included in the 2010 fall newsletter.

Consider Holiday Decorations for the Township Hall: It was agreed to purchase three wreaths to hang on the Township hall and also to hang some lights for the holidays.

Planning Commission Appointment: **Bartlett made a motion to approve the appointment of Neil Ahrens to the Planning Commission as a replacement for the final two months of Paul Mooradian's existing term. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

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

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

**Vote: All yes.**

Public Comments: Alford LaCount had some comments regarding the repairs of Franklin St.

Board Comments: Welcome to Neil Ahrens.

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

**Vote: All yes.**

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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Approved: