

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

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

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

Visitors: Alford LaCount, John Riggs, Sandra Lauer, Jerry Lauer, Glenn Ernst, Sue Matsko.

Approve Agenda & Additional Items: One additional item was added under New Business; Rental house water heater and furnace.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Review Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Fisher furnished a revised list of the contents in the safety deposit box. She also gave the election dates for 2010.

Treasurer's Report: Revenue sharing was received in the amount of \$15,692. One of the outstanding sewer bills has been paid. A CD has been re-invested.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission approved the proposed C-1 and I-1 zoning ordinances and referred them to the Board for their approval.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs reported that maintenance has been completed at Thorne Swift. The additional paving has been completed and two new apple trees have been planted.

Recreation Committee: The Recreation Committee had a meeting on 11-3-09. They discussed limiting the types of guns that can be used for hunting on the Township 80. It was decided not to implement any restrictions because of the lack of complaints and lack of any problems. The same decision was made regarding motorized vehicles. Glenn Ernst let the Board know that he has been hunting the Township 80 for 40 years and wants to be able to continue to do that.

Road Projects: The State Rd. and Hoyt Rd. projects will not be done this year since the BIA has not processed the paperwork.

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Water System: The pump house roof has been completed. The cost of water that is purchased from the City of Harbor Springs is going to be increased by 35.8%.

Security System: The new security system has been installed at the Township hall.

Unemployment Insurance Claim: An unemployment claim has been filed by a former employee of Thorne Swift.

Side Hall Entrance: It has been decided that the parking lot is sloped in the wrong direction and is the cause of ice buildup during the winter at the side door entrance. This will be addressed in the spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance for Outdoor Wood Burning: The Township Board has decided to refer the issue of outdoor wood burning to the Planning Commission for their consideration as a zoning ordinance.

Discuss Fall Newsletter Distribution: There was discussion regarding putting the newsletter online on the Township website instead of in with the taxes. It was decided to continue to put them in with the taxes and to make it available online, also.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider C-1 and I-1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment: **Bartlett made a motion to table any action on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment until the next month's meeting and have a Public Hearing prior to the regular meeting that deals with the adoption of this ordinance. Fisher seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Discuss Emergency Planning: The Emergency Planning Resolution that the Township has on file is still sufficient and there will be no changes to it.

Discuss Appointments for 2010: It was decided to combine the Recreation Committee and the Thorne Swift Committee. Openings in some of the committees were reviewed.

Rental House Water Heater & Furnace: It was agreed that the furnace and hot water heater need to be replaced in the rental house at 5550 Lake St. Bids will be solicited for those items.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments: None.

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

Vote: All yes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary