

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2010**

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

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

Visitors: Tim Page, Austin Mesner, Jacob Ishmael, Bill Montgomery, Alford LaCount, Stephen Troup, Jerry Lauer, Sandra Lauer, Joey Arbaugh, Sue Matsko.

Approve Agenda & Additional Items: Under New Business: Fireproof file cabinet, Poverty exemption guidelines.

Public Comments: None.

2009 Year End Report on Birchwood Medical First Responders: Bill Montgomery, Chief of Security/Emergency Medical Services, Birchwood Farms Golf & Country Club gave a review of the number and kinds of runs that they had responded to in West Traverse Township during 2009. He asked the Board if they would support Birchwood Medical First Responders in their attempt to apply for grants for medical equipment and to help defray the cost of supplies.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2009 as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

**Bartlett made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Closed Session of December 8, 2009 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: A resident of West Traverse Township, Betty Berg, had presented the Township with a painting that she had painted. The painting depicted the old barn on the Cook property.

Clerk's Report: There are new rules being implemented to make voter registration and getting absentee voter ballots to military personnel and people overseas easier.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth reported that the 2009 winter tax payments are coming in well. There were four (4) Board of Review changes for Primary Residence Exemption. Revenue sharing was received in the amount of \$14,902.00.

Planning Commission: There was no December meeting.

Proposed: January 12, 2010

Approved: February 9, 2010

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: There have been no meetings.

Supervisor: The Harbor Springs Library agreement was approved by Little Traverse Township, Pleasantview Township, City of Harbor Springs and Readmond Township. It was rejected by Friendship Township, so the agreement may need to be revised and acted upon again. The Petoskey Library has raised its rates to \$20.00 per card holder. The phragmites mailing, informing shoreline residents of the problem, will be done by the end of the week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review Year to Date (Q3) 2009/10 Revenues & Expenditures vs. Budget: The figures were reviewed.

Discuss 2010/11 Potential Non-Routine Budget Expense Items: There was discussion regarding compensation increases, maintenance issues for the Township hall, road projects, budgets for Recreation/Thorne Swift and expenditures for repairs to the rental house on Lake Rd.

**Bartlett made a motion to approve the purchase of an appropriate sized fire proof four (4) drawer file cabinet, not to exceed \$3,000.00. Baker seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Discuss 2010 Millages: The proposed millages for 2010 were reviewed. It was decided to keep the current millages the same except for Thorne Swift which may be increased from 0.15 to 0.20.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss 2010 Road Commission Report: The 2010 Road Commission report was reviewed and there was discussion regarding which roads would be repaired this year.

MTA Board of Review Training: **Fisher made a motion to authorize Bob Sandford and the three other Board of Review members to attend the MTA Board of Review training at a cost of no more than \$500.00. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

ECTA Meeting: This meeting will be held January 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Littlefield Fire Hall.

Proposed: January 12, 2010

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ECRC Meeting: The meeting will be held January 25, 2010 at 6:45 p.m.  
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Poverty Exemption Guidelines: The poverty exemption guidelines for West Traverse Township will remain at 1.5 times the Federal levels.

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

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments: None.

Adjourn: **Bartlett made a motion to adjourn. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**  
**Vote: All yes.**  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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