

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

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

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

Visitors: Sandra Lauer, Jerry Lauer, Alford LaCount, John Riggs, Wendy Conway,
Sue Matsko.

Additional Items for Agenda: Under New Business: Poverty Exemption,
Meeting/Seminar re-imbusement.

Public Comments: None.

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

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Assessor Report: Tim Grimm, Township Assessor, stated that the 2009 assessment notices will be sent out next week.

Clerk's Report: Fisher recommended using the Harbor Light for Township publishing instead of the Petoskey News Review due to the lower cost involved.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth stated that the last day to pay taxes without penalty is February 16, 2009 and the office will be open all day. The office will also be open on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9-1 for tax collection.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission is still reviewing the proposed ordinances for wind energy, commercial and light industrial.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs reports that everything is going great at Thorne Swift.

Water System Update: Sandford reported that the roof on the Tamarac booster station needs to be replaced.

Baker made a motion that the fee for removal of a water meter shall remain at no charge and that the fee for installation of a water meter shall be increased to \$92 per meter, effective April 1, 2009. Jim Bartlett seconded the motion.

Proposed: February 10, 2009

Approved: March 24, 2009

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

False Fire Alarm Ordinance: All false fire alarm charges have been paid.

Bartlett made a motion to adopt the false fire alarm recovery ordinance #2009-1 as submitted. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

2009 Road Projects: **Bartlett made a motion to authorize Supervisor Sandford to contractually obligate the Township to complete crack sealing and minor patching on Cemetery Rd., Lower Shore Dr. and Quick Rd.; patching and seal coat on Odawa Ln.; asphalt wedging only on Hughston Rd. and LaCount Rd.; asphalt wedge and cap on Middle Rd. and asphalt overlay on Ridge Rd. as detailed on the 2009 Road Project Options dated 2/10/09, not to exceed a total of \$180,000.00. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

2009-2010 Compensation Schedules:

Bartlett made a motion that the annual compensation for the West Traverse Township Trustees be increased by 0% from \$5,224 and remains at \$5,224 for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Hollingsworth – yes, Fisher – no, Sandford – no, Bartlett – yes, Baker – yes.

Hollingsworth made a motion that the annual compensation for the West Traverse Township Clerk be increased by 2.5% from \$13,848 to \$14,196 for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Sandford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Bartlett – no, Baker – no, Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes, Fisher – yes.

Fisher made a motion that the annual compensation for the West Traverse Township Treasurer be increased by 2.5% from \$13,848 to \$14,196 for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Be it further resolved that the West Traverse Township Treasurer continue to be reimbursed for summer tax collection at the annual rate of \$5,400, from the summer tax collection fee paid to the Township by the Harbor Springs School District. Sandford seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote: Sandford – yes, Bartlett – no, Baker – no, Fisher – yes,
Hollingsworth – yes.

Hollingsworth made a motion that the annual compensation for the West Traverse Township Supervisor be increased by 2.5% from \$13,848 to \$14,196 for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Fisher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Hollingsworth – yes, Fisher – yes, Baker – no, Bartlett – no,
Sandford – yes.

Hollingsworth made a motion that the compensation for the West Traverse Township appointed positions below be increased by 2.5%, rounded to the nearest \$0.05 for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Fisher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Sandford – yes, Bartlett – no, Baker – no, Hollingsworth – yes,
Fisher – yes.

Fisher made a motion that the compensation for the West Traverse Township employees listed below be increased by 2.5%, rounded to the nearest \$0.05, for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Sandford – yes, Bartlett – no, Baker – yes, Hollingsworth – yes,
Fisher – yes.

Baker made a motion that the bookkeeper, Supervisor Sandford, be paid \$200.00 per month for services,. Bartlett seconded the motion.

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

2009-2010 Proposed Budget: **Bartlett made a motion that whereas, the Township Board has reached agreement on the Planning Budget dated 2/10/09 for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 and whereas, the only changes allowed to the Planning Budget dated 2/10/09 between the date of this resolution and the public hearing of March 24, 2009 are updates to the year end estimates for the fiscal year from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009, now therefore be it resolved that the Planning Budget dated 2/10/09 for the fiscal year of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009 is hereby authorized for presentation at the public hearing to be scheduled on March 24, 2009. I refer to the General Budget 2009/2010 spread sheet itemizing Budget C in the resolution.**

Fisher seconded the motion.

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

Poverty Exemption: **Baker made a motion that the Township multiplies the Federal Government Poverty Income guidelines by 1.5 times as given by the Federal Government. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

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

Meeting and Seminar Re-imburement: **Hollingsworth made a motion that effective April 1, 2009 the seminar re-imburement be increased from \$30 for a half day to \$40 for a half day and from \$60 for a full day to \$80 for a full day. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

Approval of Payables & Payroll: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve payables as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Wendy Conway had some questions about using the Township hall for internet access for area residents. Supervisor Sandford will look into that.

Board Comments: None.

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

Vote: All yes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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