

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2010**

Supervisor Sandford called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Baker, Hollingsworth, Sandford, Fisher.

Absent: Bartlett.

Visitors: John Riggs, Jerry Lauer, Alford LaCount, Jeanne Benjamin, Julie Osterlund, Danna Widmar, Eve Lauer, Sue Matsko.

Additional Items for Agenda: None.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 30, 2010 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: A letter was received from the American Legion in Harbor Springs asking for the Board's opinion on transferring their liquor license to a new facility in West Traverse Township. Supervisor Sandford will write a letter stating that the Township has no objection to relocating the American Legion Hall to West Traverse Township, but in no way does that exempt the American Legion from going through all the other processes required for a new building.

Clerk's Report: Absentee ballots are now available for the May school election.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth had nothing to report since the last meeting.

Planning Commission Report: There has been no meeting.

Recreation – Thorne Swift Committee: John Riggs reported that spring maintenance is going well. Thorne Swift will open April 15.

Rental House Improvements: No report.

Water System: No report.

Road Projects: No report.

Proposed: April 13, 2010

Approved: May 11, 2010

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2009-2010 Budget Amendments: **Baker made a motion that whereas the list of budget amendments, dated March 26, 2010 and approved at the West Traverse Township Board meeting on March 30, 2010, had errors and omissions, now therefore be it resolved that the Township's 2009-2010 operating budget be amended per the attached revised list of budget amendments dated April 9, 2010. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

Invasive Phragmites Eradication Program: Supervisor Sandford has been in contact with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council regarding phragmites. They have stated that their intention is to help Townships with all the work that is involved with organizing and implementing the program.

Hoyt Road Trail Resolution: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the Hoyt Road Trail resolution, dated April 13, 2010, as presented. Baker seconded the motion.**

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

Library Services: It was decided to table any decision on an agreement with the Petoskey Public Library regarding the per-card fee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Hall Projects: There was discussion regarding painting of the Township hall, erecting a roof over the outside door on the south side of the building, installing a gutter over the roof of the north door, re-striping the parking lot.

**The Township secretary will contact area painters to see about getting bids for painting the Township hall. Fisher will call area contractors to get bids for installing a roof over the outside south door and she will contact the contractor who painted the parking lot lines the last time to get a bid for re-painting the lines.**

Township Hall Landscaping: Eva Lauer suggested that the Township should look at doing more landscaping around the Township hall. **Fisher will contact area contractors and get some bids for landscaping the Township hall grounds.**

Blight Ordinance Enforcement: There have been several verbal complaints regarding blight in the Township. Any complaints need to be in writing in order to activate the

ordinance. The Township will review other township's blight ordinances to see if any changes should be made to the West Traverse Township blight ordinance.

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

**Vote: All yes.**

Public Comments: Eve Lauer told the Board that the Old Mill Pond is for sale and thought that the Township and possibly the Conservancy would want to look at it.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth thought that the Township should re-visit forest management for the Township 80 acres. There was a lot of discussion as to how this could be done and that it would be a long term plan. **Baker will contact a forester to have him look at the Township 80 and give an opinion on what he felt should or should not be done as far as managing the forest.**

Adjourn: **Sandford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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