

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009**

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

Roll Call: Baker, Fisher, Hollingsworth, Sandford. Bartlett was present via teleconference.

Visitors: Sandra Lauer, Alford LaCount, Jerry Lauer, Carolyn Sandford, Paul Mooradian, Justin Bassett, 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 24, 2009 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS & UPDATES:

Clerk's Report: Fisher gave an update on the upcoming election preparations.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth is still waiting on her settlement from the county and the signed warrant for delinquent personal property tax.

Baker made a motion that whereas the Township of West Traverse has need for a credit card, therefore be it resolved that the Township of West Traverse apply for and receive a credit card through Chase Bank; the authorized signers to be Supervisor Robert Sandford and Administrative Assistant Sue Matsko. The card limit shall be \$5,000.00 unless there is some unusual need to change that in the future by the Board. Fisher seconded the motion.

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

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding Wind Energy Systems.

Thorne Swift Report: None.

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Recreation Committee Report: Minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting were presented. The Recreation Committee asked the Township Board to put vehicular barricades at the north and south ends of the trail that runs through the Township 80. The barricades would help to prevent partying on the grounds which would then help to keep the area cleaner. *The Recreation Committee supports the Hoyt Rd. non-motorized trail and would like the Township Board to consider that when they make any decisions.*

M-119 Heritage Highway: Carolyn Sandford, representing Heritage Highway, stated that the Heritage Highway Committee has just completed their management update plan.

Water System: The installation of the water reservoir tank has been completed. The remainder of the finishing requirements should be complete by June 1, 2009.

Road Projects: Supervisor Sandford gave an update on the road projects for Hoyt Rd. north of Quick and Lake Road.

Fisher made a motion that be it resolved that Supervisor Sandford is authorized to arrange with the Emmet County Road Commission for up to two dust control applications, depending upon the conditions, in 2009 per the attached map, at an estimated cost of \$2,300 per application. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Township Hotspot: There was discussion regarding looking into high speed internet availability at the Township hall. There is still a question as to how many people would actually use this service.

Hoyt Road Trail: There was a lot of discussion regarding establishing a trail on Hoyt Road from Quick south to Lake Street. There were questions regarding funding, easements and ownership of the trail. Sandford and Baker will be meeting with HARBOR, INC. tomorrow to discuss the trail.

Curbside Recycling: Elisa Seltzer will be attending the next Board meeting in May to give a proposal for curbside recycling.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Phase 3 Water System Project Accounting: **Hollingsworth made a motion that therefore be it resolved that the Township board authorizes a loan of up to \$330,000 (\$270,000 in FY2008-9 and up to the remainder in FY2009-10) from the Township General Fund to the Township Water Fund for the Water System Phase 3 Project with an annual interest rate of 0.5% and a principal payment to be established annually by the Township Board at the February Board meeting. Baker seconded the motion.**

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

Baker made a motion that therefore be it resolved that the Township's 2008/2009 operating budget is hereby amended by providing the additional appropriations listed below:

Road Fund: Increase the "Roads Construction" (310-446-970.000) account by \$184,395.46 to a new amended amount of \$459,795.46.

General Fund: Increase the "Transfer to Road Fund" (101-995-998.003) account budget by \$64,574.08 to a new amended amount of \$174,574.08.

Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Fisher made a motion that therefore be it resolved that the Township's 2008/2009 operating budget is hereby amended by increasing the Water Fund "water equipment" account budget by \$700.00 from \$2,000 to \$2,700. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Township Hall Landscaping: **Fisher made a motion that the Board approve up to \$200.00 for planting of flowers, perennials, annuals, etc. for the season of 2009 at the Township hall. Baker seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Emmet County Townships Association Meeting: The Emmet County Townships Association meeting will be held on April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Vote: 4 yes. Bartlett abstained.

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Public Comments: Alford LaCount had some comments regarding the interest rate that is being charged for the water fund.

Board Comments: Fisher thanked the visitors for attending.

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

Vote: All yes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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