

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2010**

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Jerry Lauer, Jon Peters, Amy Peters, Rosanne Lokker,
Alford LaCount, Sue Matsko.

Eagle Scout Jon Peters: The Township Board presented Jon William Peters with a plaque to acknowledge his accomplishment of achieving his Eagle Scout badge.

Approve Agenda & Additional Items: Agenda was approved with no additional items.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2010 as presented. Sandford seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Fisher reported that the recent school election went well.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth reported that she received her tax settlement from the County. \$13,644 was received in Revenue sharing. The Board agreed that summer tax payments that were lost in the mail and turned over to the County as delinquent should not have interest waived since the checks had been outstanding for so long.

Planning Commission: There will be a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night regarding outdoor wood furnaces.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: Baker reported that the trails on the Township 80 acres are open; maps have been completed and will be laminated and put on the trails. Riggs stated that replacing the boards on the boardwalk has been going well. The interpretive signs are completed and have been put in place.

2009/2010 Financial Summary: The Township auditor did an off year audit and found no problems.

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Rental House Improvements: The improvements to the rental house at 5550 W. Lake St. are coming in under budget.

Water System: **Baker made a motion that the Township pass along the increase in cost of water that the City of Harbor Springs is charging the Township, to the Township water customers, effective July 1, 2010 with the first increased bill to be the first bill after July 1, 2010. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

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

Road Projects: The bids for the proposed road projects are coming in under budget. There will not be any more stimulus money available for roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Invasive Phragmites Eradication Program: Grenetta Thomassey, from Tip of the Mitt, notified Supervisor Sandford that she had spoken to the Emmet County Commissioners. She suggested using the Noxious Weed Act and having the County coordinate it as well as appoint a County Weed Commissioner.

Township Hall Projects: Not all of the bids for construction, landscaping and painting have been received. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Anti-Blight Ordinance Enforcement: The Township's Anti-Blight Ordinance is complaint driven and a written complaint must be received before anything can be done.

Library Services: The Harbor Springs library agreement was rejected by the State. There was discussion as to what needs to be done in order for this agreement to be approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Assessor Contracts: **Bartlett made a motion to approve the contracts, dated May 11, 2010, for the contract of employment between West Traverse Township and both the Township Assessor and Assistant Assessor for the period of June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

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

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments: Fisher wanted to recognize Amy Peters for all of her help in setting up the hall and taking it down for the election.

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

Vote: All yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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