

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 12, 2009**

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Alford LaCount, Jerry Lauer, Joey Arbaugh, Elisa Seltzer,  
Sue Matsko.

Additional Items for Agenda: Discussion of the north parking lot under New Business.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2009 as presented with the addition of the following sentence on Page 2 under Recreation Committee: *The Recreation Committee supports the Hoyt Rd. non-motorized trail and would like the Township Board to consider that when they make any decisions.* Baker seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Curbside Recycling Proposal: Elisa Seltzer came to the meeting and gave a presentation regarding the options for recycling in the Township.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed. The Township Board will ask the Planning Commission to review the sample ordinance from the State regarding outdoor wood burning and open burning for a recommendation on whether or not the Township should entertain such an ordinance.

Curbside Recycling: There was a lot of discussion regarding curbside recycling, the cost to the Township, the number of households that would use this service, the fact that more people might recycle if it was easier to access, whether residents would be willing to pay more in taxes in order to have this service. This topic will be put in the Township newsletter asking for resident's input.

Hoyt Road: Sandford and Baker met with Danna Widmar from HARBOR, INC. They let her know that the Township supported the Hoyt Rd. trail, but the bulk of the funds would need to come from donations and grants.

**Bartlett made a motion that the Township Board install a white intersection security light at the corner of Quick Rd. and Hoyt Rd.. Fisher seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

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Township Hotspot: It was decided that there were not enough people who have expressed interest for the Township to go ahead with wireless internet service.

Temporary Signs: No action was taken regarding temporary signs.

Clerk's Report: Fisher gave the results of the recent school election. The various Township insurances were being reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth received the final settlement from the County. She was given the authority to collect personal property outstanding taxes. There was discussion regarding the various Township bank accounts.

2008-09 Financial Summary: Supervisor Sandford presented the final summary for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Planning Commission Report: Hollingsworth reported that the Planning Commission is continuing discussion regarding the Wind Energy System Ordinance, C-1 and I-1 Ordinance revisions.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs stated that spring cleanup has been done and maintenance is going well. Supervisor Sandford will get bids for paving the entrance to Thorne Swift.

Recreation Committee: Baker and Sandford attended the HARBOR, INC. recreation committee meeting. At this time, an area wide recreation authority is not feasible.

**Bartlett made a motion to approve the Recreation Committee's suggestion to place boulders at the top of the access to the Township 80 and to allocate not more than \$600 to do this. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Water System: Supervisor Sandford presented updates on the water reservoir.

**Baker made a motion that the Board waives the need for bidding out the architectural work for the roof on the pump house. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Road Projects: Measurements for possible slippage on Lower Shore Drive will be done soon. Supervisor Sandford will get estimates for asphalt overlay for Lake St.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Red Flag Rules: Red Flag Rules are intended to make sure that no one steals information from utility records. The Township is in compliance with these rules.

Township Hall Maintenance: The Township will advertise for bids for a new roof for the Township hall. Bids will be solicited for a new furnace for the hall.

Thorne Swift Seasonal Employees Unemployment Insurance: There was discussion regarding seasonal employees and the possibility of them applying for unemployment. Application will be made with the State for the Township to be designated as both a regular employer and a seasonal employer. The seasonal employer designation will not take affect until 2010.

Township North Parking Lot: It was decided to keep the north parking lot locked at this time.

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

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: There was a reminder of the MTA spring meeting on May 20.

Adjournment: **Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bartlett seconded the motion.**  
**Vote: All yes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.  
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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