

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2009**

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

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

Visitors: Jerry Lauer, Alford LaCount, John Riggs, Nancy Sarowski, Paul Mooradian, Eva Lauer, Larry Boerman, Tom Richards, Sue Matsko.

Additional Items for Agenda: Township Representative to HARBOR, INC. under New Business.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 12, 2009 as presented. Baker seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Consideration Annexation of Property from the Township to the City of Harbor Springs for Water Reservoirs: **Bartlett made a motion that the Board adopt the Resolution dated June 9, 2009 and that be it resolved, pursuant to Section 9(8) of the Home Rules Cities ACT (MCL117.9(8)), that the above described property be detached from West Traverse Township and annexed to the City of Harbor Springs. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

Review Draft and Consider Approval of Audit for Year Ending March 31, 2009:

**Baker made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

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

**Baker made a motion to approve the invoice of \$5,300 to Richard Mahlmeister, Auditor. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk: Fisher was pleased that her first audit experience went well.

Proposed: June 9, 2009

Approved: July 14, 2009

Treasurer: Hollingsworth has approved the information for tax statements and they will be printed soon. There are still four personal property taxes that are outstanding.

Planning Commission Report: There was continued discussion regarding the proposed amendments to the commercial district and light industrial district ordinances.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs reported that spring cleanup has come along great.

Recreation Committee Report: Baker reported that the committee met last night. They discussed creating some walking trails on the Township 80 acre site and also on the Cook property.

Roads: The LTBBOI did not receive as much stimulus money as anticipated, so the Hoyt Rd. project north of Quick Rd. has been postponed at this time. When Lower Shore Drive was tested for slippage, it was found that over the last five (5) years it has only moved about two (2) inches or less.

Water System Update: The water reservoir is being cleaned and filled at this time. **Baker made a motion that therefore be it resolved that the Township Board authorizes Supervisor Sandford, in accordance with the Township's Water Ordinance, to impose the same restrictions on the use of water for irrigation by Township water customers as the City imposes on its direct customers. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

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

The Cross Connection surveying has been done and there were three instances of non-compliance found. Those are being followed up on.

Airport Authority: The Airport Authority has approved building a new terminal building at the Harbor Springs Airport. No local funds will be used for this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consider Resolution to Adopt Red Flag Rules: **Baker made a motion to pass the Resolution dated June 9, 2009 to adopt the identity theft prevention program for compliance with FTC's Red Flag Rules. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

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

Consider Resolution to Approve Petoskey Library Contract for 2009-10:

**Fisher made a motion that be it resolved that the attached agreement with the Petoskey Library be renewed for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a cost of \$15.00 per card for 225 cards for a total cost of \$3,375.00 to allow West Traverse residents to utilize the Petoskey Library, and that Supervisor Sandford be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of West Traverse Township.**

**Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

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

Address Wind Energy System Ordinance From Planning Commission: The Planning Commission sent the Wind Energy System Ordinance to the Board for their review and approval. There was some discussion regarding residential WES and whether heights over 60' should require a site plan review.

**Sandford made a motion to approve the Wind Energy System Ordinance draft recommended by the Planning Commission on May 13, 2009 with the one change that the Emmet County Planning Commission recommended where there seems to be a redundancy with regards to flicker on windows versus the structure.**

**Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

Review Estimates for Township Hall Furnaces: There was discussion regarding replacing the furnaces in the Township hall. It was decided to replace one furnace. This will be addressed again at the next meeting to review bids.

Review Estimates for Paving Thorne Swift Driveway Entrance: **Hollingsworth made a motion to accept the MDC Contracting's bid of \$4,540.00 to pave the Thorne Swift entrance down to the end of the house driveway. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

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

Consider Resolution to Approve Assessor Contract for 2009-10: **Bartlett made a motion to approve the resolution to re-appoint the assessor dated June 9, 2009. Be it resolved that Charles Timothy Grimm's appointment as the Township Assessor be extended to the period of June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 per the attached Assessor Agreement dated May 27, 2009 for an annual fee of \$31,776 and that Supervisor Sandford be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of West Traverse Township. Fisher seconded the motion.**

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

Set Compensation for Painting Fire Hydrants and Water Reservoir Control House:  
**Baker made a motion to approve compensation of \$7.50 per hour for Jon Peters to paint the Township fire hydrants and the water reservoir control house. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Vote:** All yes.

Consider Topics for Summer Newsletter: There was discussion as to what topics the Board wanted included in the summer newsletter that will go out with the summer tax bills.

Township Representative to HARBOR, INC.: Fisher made a motion to accept Supervisor Sandford's resignation from HARBOR, INC. as the Township representative and to appoint John Baker to replace him as the new Township representative to the HARBOR, INC. Board of Directors. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

**Vote:** All yes.

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

**Vote:** All yes.

Public Comments: Alford LaCount had comments regarding the replacement of the furnace. Paul Mooradian had comments regarding the Wind Energy System Ordinance.

Board Comments: None

**Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

**Vote:** All yes.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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