

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 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, Larry Boerman, Alford LaCount.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: No additional items.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2010 as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Fisher reported that maintenance has been performed on the voting machines.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth reported that she had received the annual metro act payment in the amount of \$5,968.20.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission had a public hearing at the last meeting to discuss the proposed outdoor wood furnace ordinance.

Recreation Committee/Thorne Swift Committee: Review of the trails on the Township 80 acres showed that they look good overall. Paul Repasky will look at the buildings on the Cook property to make sure there is no advanced deterioration. The committee will look into whether it will be possible to extend walking trails and cross country trails over onto the flat land in Windward and west of there. The committee will be looking at the Recreation Master Plan and the things that they would like to see incorporated in the plan. They have set up a regular meeting schedule to meet quarterly.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs reported that he has had a good turnout of people at Thorne Swift since it opened. The new interpretive signs have been installed and look great.

Rental House Improvements: The egress window is in at Home Depot. The carpeting has been installed in the entry way.

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Water System: The Water Committee had a meeting and they discussed the winter operation of the reservoir. The Committee decided to start the next winter with the way the reservoir was run at the end of the last winter season.

Bartlett made a motion to amend the water budget as proposed in the memo of June 4, 2010. Baker seconded the motion.

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

Bartlett made a motion to convert ten (10) fire hydrants this year to the Storz couplings and then put in subsequent budgets the ability to finish these at that rate; that the Board spends \$1,000 on the two hydrant extensions; also \$1,000 on the electronic meter readers. Fisher seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Road Projects: The Lake Road resurfacing project is back on for September and will be paid for with stimulus money.

Bartlett made a motion to allow Supervisor Sandford to approach the Road Commission with the intent to allow them to bid out the extended north shoulder on Lake Street. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Hoyt Road Trail: HARBOR, INC. has submitted a request for a grant for the Hoyt Road Trail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Township Hall Projects: Fisher submitted the bids that she had received for construction of a roof over the door on the south side of the Township hall.

Bartlett made a motion to approve the bid from Jaime Martin at \$3,595.00 to construct a permanent roof over the south handicap entrance per the sketch; and amend the budget accordingly. Fisher seconded the motion.

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

Hollingsworth made a motion to accept the bid from Rainbow Seamless Gutter, dated 4-27-10, for the gutter over the Lake Street entrance only. Bartlett seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

It was decided to re-bid the painting of the Township hall because of a change in specifications as to what actually needs to be painted.

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Township Hall Landscaping: **Sandford made a motion to table any discussion of permanent landscaping, such as what Cynthia Fisher has made the effort into getting bids for, for this budget year. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: Two yes, Three nays.

Fisher made a motion to approve \$500.00 worth of permanent plantings for the two planting beds on either side of the entrance walkway to the Township Hall that can utilize the water that is available so that no extra irrigation is needed. Sandford seconded the motion.

Vote: Four yes, One nay.

Invasive Phragmites Eradication Program: Supervisor Sandford attended the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Counsel meeting today. One of the County Commissioners will act as Program Coordinator. The Tip of the Mitt will coordinate everything and the program will be for one year. Individual property owners may opt out if desired, but there will be no cost to anyone for the first year.

Harbor Springs Area District Library Agreement: The Harbor Springs Area District Library Committee decided that the term for a Board member would be one year for the initial board members. If voters approve a library millage, it would be in effect for six (6) years. If this vote fails, that would be the end of any further plans to establish a new library. Any further discussion will be tabled until the July meeting.

Appointment of West Traverse Representative to HSADL Board: This will be addressed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Topics for Newsletter: There was discussion regarding the topics that the Board would like to put into the summer newsletter. Jim Bartlett will put the newsletter together.

Approve Payables & 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 proposed library.

Board Comments: None.

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

Vote: All yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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