

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

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Jerry Lauer, Sandra Lauer, Alford LaCount, Larry Boerman,
Sue Matsko.

Additional Items for Agenda: Preliminary results of the curbside re-cycling survey.
Harbor Springs recreation costs.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of
June 9, 2009 as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk: The effective date of the boundary change and annexation of West Traverse
Township property to Harbor Springs was June 24, 2009.

Treasurer: Summer tax statements were mailed out. \$15,382 was received in
Revenue Sharing.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission is continuing to review the C-1 and
I-1 ordinance amendments. They are beginning discussions regarding an outdoor burning
ordinance.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs stated that Thorne Swift received a donation of \$5,000.00.
He suggested using this donation towards paving the entrance road to Thorne Swift. Bids
for paving will be solicited.

Recreation Committee: Baker attended the HARBOR, INC. Recreation Committee
meeting. An area recreational authority will not be formed. It was suggested that the
Township should apply to the United Way for their "United fund day of caring" which
would bring people together to help with the trails on the Township 80 acres.

Roads: Most of the Township road projects are completed or almost completed.

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Baker made a motion to authorize Supervisor Sandford to approve expenditures for another application for dust control using the best alternatives available.

Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Water: The water reservoir is operational. Supervisor Sandford will solicit bids for replacing the pump house roof. Landscaping of the reservoir area was discussed.

Curbside Recycling Update: The curbside recycling surveys that have been returned so far reflect that the majority of residents are not in favor of it.

Harbor Springs Recreation Costs: There had been a question as to why West Traverse Township's share of recreation costs had increased over last year. It was determined that the cost for the sled hill had gone up 265%. This will be looked into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review Estimates for Replacing Township Hall Lower Level Furnace: Three bids were received for replacing the furnace for the lower level. There were some questions regarding two of the bids, so this will be clarified and this issue will be re-visited at the next meeting in August.

Review Estimates for Re-Roofing Township Hall: **Baker made a motion to approve the bid from Lee Roofing to replace the roof on the Township Hall. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

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

Consider Township Position Regarding ORVs: There was discussion regarding the proposed ORV ordinance that the County is considering adopting. It was agreed that the Township will ask the County Road Commission to exempt certain primary roads in the township from ORV travel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Background Information About Invasive Phragmites: **Bartlett made a motion to authorize payment up to \$1,000.00 to inventory the invasive phragmites in West Traverse Township, using Martin Jacob. Fisher seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

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View Township Website: The Board viewed the website and the updates that have been made to it.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Alford LaCount had some comments regarding the website.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth asked Sandford about quarterly budget reports.

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

Vote: All yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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