

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2009**

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

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

Visitors: Alford LaCount, John Riggs, Jerry Lauer, Rick Fiddler, Pat Rollins,
Larry Boerman, Horowitz family, David Balok, Sue Matsko.

Approve Agenda & Additional Items: **Bartlett made a motion to approve the agenda and additional items of: curbside recycling survey, Eagle Scout proclamation, lower level side entrance to the Township hall. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Ralph Horowitz asked the Township Board to address the helicopter landings taking place in the township. Supervisor Sandford told Mr. Horowitz that the Township had passed a resolution denying enforcement of this zoning ordinance in regards to the current helicopter use in the Township and they do not plan to change their position.

Approve Meeting Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2009 as presented. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: **Baker made a motion to approve the opening of a charge account at the EZ Mart in order to purchase gas for township maintenance. Bartlett seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

There was discussion regarding the shared recreational services with the City of Harbor Springs.

Treasurer's Report: **Bartlett made a motion to stop charging the surcharge for the sewer system beginning with the December, 2009 bill. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Board of Review changes have been made.

Planning Commission: There was no Planning Commission meeting since the last Board meeting.

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Thorne Swift: Attendance at Thorne Swift during July was very good. John Riggs is getting bids for paving more of the entrance road to Thorne Swift.

Recreation Committee: There has been no meeting since the last Board meeting.

Road Projects: All of the road projects in the Township have been completed.

Water System: Supervisor Sandford will advertise for bids for replacing the roof on the pump station.

Bartlett made a motion to amend the budget for the water fund as per the 2009/2010 spreadsheet dated 8-8-09. Baker seconded the motion.

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

Township Hall Roof Project: The replacement of the township hall roof has been completed.

Q1 Budget Report: The quarterly report was reviewed.

Invasive Phragmites: Martin Jacob has completed his survey for the invasive phragmites and is now mapping them for the Township.

Curbside Recycling: Preliminary results for the curbside recycling survey show 69% of people responding are not in favor of this program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review Estimates for Replacing Township Hall Lower Level Furnace: **Bartlett made a motion to accept Ballard's bid to replace both the furnaces in the Township hall with one furnace per their quote. Sandford seconded the motion.**

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

Review Township Position Regarding ORVs: **Bartlett made a motion that the Township closes Lower Shore Drive, Lake Street and State Road from the city boundary north to Quick Road to ORV traffic. Baker seconded the motion.**

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

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Consider Library District-Wide Millage Vote: **Bartlett made a motion to support a district-wide millage vote for a district library. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snowplowing for 2009: Fisher will check on prices for snowplowing for 2009 which will also include plowing the water reservoir drive.

Eagle Scout Proclamation: The Township Board approved a proclamation giving recognition to Mitchell Louis Weber for achieving his Eagle Scout rank through the Boy Scouts.

Lower Level Sidewalk at Township Hall: Supervisor Sandford will look into putting a gutter over the entrance to the lower level and also building up the walkway to prevent accumulation of ice during the winter.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Rick Fiddler, aviation director for Mr. DeVos, had some comments regarding the recent helicopter activity. Larry Boerman also had some comments regarding the helicopters. Alford LaCount felt that the Board handled Mr. Horowitz' complaints appropriately.

Board Comments: None.

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

Vote: All yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Fisher, Clerk

Transcribed by: Susan Matsko, Township Secretary

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