

WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2018

Supervisor Sandford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Baker, Lauer, Hollingsworth, Baiardi, Sandford.

Visitors: Neil Ahrens, Barb Antoine, Craig Antoine, John Riggs, Paul Mooradian, Fritz Hubbard, Joel Wurster, Joe Lavender, Sue Matsko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: The agenda was approved by consensus with the addition of adding one item: g. Purchase of Election Laptop.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 3, 2018 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Comments from Fire Chief John Cupps: John Cupps had shown the Board members the new fire truck that the Fire Department had received.

Address Alleged Blight Properties: Joel Wurster, West Traverse Township Attorney, explained the process that would have to happen if the Board decides to go ahead and address blight properties in the Township. There were six properties that were reviewed for alleged blight.

Baker made a motion to ask the Blight Enforcement Officer to begin the process against blight on properties #1, 2 and 3, as presented in the memo dated June 8, 2018. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Hollingsworth – yes, Baker – yes, Lauer – yes, Baiardi – yes, Sandford – no.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs presented his written report.

AMAR Policies: **Baker made a motion to approve the Policy and Procedures for Principle Residence Denials. Lauer seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Lauer made a motion to approve the Policy for the Granting or Removal of Real Property Exemptions. Baiardi seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

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PAR Plan Election: **Baker made a motion that the West Traverse Township Board authorizes its vote to be cast for the current Zone 2 Board of Director, Kathleen English, presented as the nominee for the Board of the Michigan Township Participating Plan. Lauer seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote: Lauer – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Baiardi – no, Baker – yes, Sandford – yes.

Metro Act Extension: **Sandford made a motion to approve the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension. Baker seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote: Baker – yes, Baiardi – yes, Lauer – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes.

Barns: Baiardi presented two bids for the removal of asbestos in the barns.

Baiardi made a motion to move forward to get rid of the barns. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Baiardi – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Baker – no, Lauer – no, Sandford – no.

New Township Hall: There was discussion regarding the preliminary plans that had been presented for a new Township hall and the issues with the current hall. Paul Mooradian suggested that the Board might want to send out a survey to property owners to see what they think about the possibility of a new hall being built. Baiardi will contact H.A.R.B.O.R. Inc. about working with us to develop a survey.

Lauer made a motion to table the New Township Hall. Baker seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

COA Compensation: **Baiardi made a motion to authorize a payment of \$500 to Supervisor Sandford for the work that he has done on the Chart of Accounts that would take the Township through working with BS&A to implement the changes. Baker seconded the motion.**

Vote: 4 yes. 1 abstain.

Purchase Election Laptop: **Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of an election laptop for an amount of less than \$1,000. Lauer seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Clerk's Report: Baiardi presented her written report.

Baker made a motion to increase the pay for Kate Kloss by \$.25 per hour since her increase had not been approved when the rest were done for Thorne Swift. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 yes. 1 no.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission Report: Baiardi reported that the Planning Commission is continuing its discussion of Agriculture in Residential districts.

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Zoning Administrator's Report: Joe Lavender presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: No report.

LTBBOI Litigation: Sandford presented an update on the LTBBOI Litigation.

Supervisor's Report: Sandford presented his written report.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Neil Ahrens gave an update on activities at the County. Craig Antoine introduced himself and said that he is running for County Commissioner in the 2nd District.

Board Comments: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:

Susan Matsko

Township Secretary

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