

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 3, 2018**

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

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

Visitors: Kyle Knight, John Riggs, Karen Cosens, Lauri Hartmann, Paul Mooradian,  
Ali Hill, Joel Wurster.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: The agenda was approved by consensus with the addition of: d. Intersection of State Rd. and Quick Rd., e. Township Barns.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs gave his report.

Library Petition: The Township received a Library Petition by the required deadline. **Baiardi made a motion that the Township Board acknowledge receipt of the advisory petition with 12 signatures requesting a vote on the library services from the Petoskey District Library and that the Township Board not take any further action on the petition because adequate and cost effective library service options are already available to the Township residents. Baker seconded the motion.**

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

Litigation Advance: **Baker made a motion to advance \$10,000 to the LTBBOI Litigation attorney, Thad Morgan. Baiardi seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Newsletters: It was decided to send out a Township newsletter with the summer tax bill again.

Intersection of State Rd. and Quick Rd.: The Road Commission said that they will need some fill dirt for a project on the west side of the State and Quick intersection. They stated that they could take

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the fill dirt from the southeast side of the intersection to help grade it down somewhat. This would be at no cost to the Township.

**Baker made a motion that the Township confirm with the Road Commission that there will be no cost to the Township and that they will use the grading easement to take fill dirt from the southeast corner of the intersection at State and Quick to use on the culvert on the west side of the intersection, that it improve the sight distance at the intersection. Sandford seconded the motion.**

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

Township Barns: Baiardi presented the report regarding the inspection of the Township barns looking for asbestos or lead paint. There is some asbestos in both of the barns. There is some lead based paint in the barns. Baiardi will arrange to get estimates for the asbestos removal.

Clerk's Report: Baiardi gave her report.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth gave her report.

Planning Commission Report: The next Planning Commission meeting is May 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: Baker reported that the Committee had a meeting and had gone over the draft of the Master Plan for the property across the road. Baker presented examples of proposed signs for the Township's properties.

**Sandford made a motion to authorize up to \$750 for the obtaining and installing of 20 signs to be placed on the Township's properties. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

LTBBOI Litigation: Sandford presented the latest update to the LTBBOI Litigation.

Supervisor's Report: The Township will be subject to the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements. The modular booster station unit for Hughston Road should arrive May 9.

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

**Vote: All yes.**

Public Comments: Lauri Hartmann introduced herself and stated that she will be running for the District 2 Commissioner seat. Karen Cosens introduced herself and stated that she has been appointed the Register of Deeds. Paul Mooradian had some questions regarding a blight ordinance.

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Board Comments: Hollingsworth wanted to make sure that the blight issue is not dropped. Sandford stated that he wanted to make sure that all Board members were in attendance to discuss the blight issues, new Township hall and the barns, so they will be on the agenda for the June 12 meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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