

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019**

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

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

Visitors: Carol Stringwell, John Riggs, Dawson Moore, James Williams, Cheryl Williams, DeAnna Schlappi, Lindsay Schlappi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.

Public Comments: Carol Stringwell came to the meeting to propose a noise ordinance and a limit to the number of dogs in a family. She has had some problems with her neighbors regarding the neighbor's five dogs and the neighbor blowing a whistle very early in the morning. James Williams stated that he and his wife live adjacent to State Road and have filed complaints regarding 45 North and the fact that they perform some of their work outside, which, according to their Site Plan approval, is not supposed to happen. He wanted to know what has been done regarding the complaint that was filed and what is the current status for the use of MacGregor's buildings.

Approve Minutes: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 9, 2019 as presented. Lauer seconded the motion.**

Vote: 4 yes. 1 abstain.

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs presented his written report.

Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 3-31-19: **Baker made a motion to receive and file the Audit Report by Richard Mahlmeister, for the year ending 3-31-19. Lauer seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Flood Plain Hazard Resolution: **Sandford made a motion to resolve that West Traverse Township will not undertake further action to develop and implement a plan to mitigate the potential flood hazard presented by FEMA's revised flood hazard information due to such a plan not being economically feasible. Baiardi seconded the motion.**

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

Proposed: August 13, 2019

Approved: September 10, 2019 with one correction: Page 2 under the motion for a Platted Lot Division, add – *Emmet Beach*.

Platted Lot Division: Sandford made a motion to approve a lot division in the recorded plat of *Emmet Beach* Section 15, T35N, R6W (24-16-15-15-126-034) (the “Original Forest Beach Parcel”), as described in the document provided by Joel Wurster, Township Attorney, and to authorize Supervisor Sandford to sign the document after the other
Roll Call Vote: Baker – yes, Lauer – yes, Baiardi – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes.

Abood Tax Appeal: Sandford presented an update on the Abood tax appeal case. Sandford made a motion to authorize Joel Wurster, Township Attorney, to accept a stipulated settlement of \$1.6 million dollars, true cash value, for the Abood tax appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for the years 2018 and 2019. Baker seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Lauer – yes, Baker – yes, Baiardi – yes, Hollingsworth – yes, Sandford – yes.

Office Lights Conversion: Sandford made a motion to accept Squier Electric’s original proposal for converting the fluorescent lights in the township hall to LED lighting with the additional cost of replacing the sockets, the whole project not to exceed \$1,200. Baker seconded the motion.
Vote: All yes.

Flag Policy: Sandford feels that the Township needs a flag policy that says either the Township does not follow the proclamations of the United States when it comes to lowering the flag or says that the Township does follow the proclamations. Baker and Lauer will draft a flag policy and bring it to the next meeting.

Clerk’s Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer’s Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission: There was no meeting last month.

Zoning Administrator: David White had presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: No report.

LTBBOI Litigation: No report.

Supervisor: Sandford presented his report.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Mr. Williams questioned whether the Township's Anti-Blight Ordinance would apply to the weed pile on State Road. Sandford stated that this is being addressed with the owner.

Board Comments: Lauer pointed out that the West Traverse Township sign, coming into the township on Lake Road, is listing. She will contact the Emmet County Road Commission.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary