

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2019**

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

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

Visitors: Tom Varner, Paul Mooradian, Jim Bartlett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 12, 2019 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the Hoyt Road trail and keeping non-motorized traffic off the trail since part of it is on private property. It was decided to use ropes at the easy access points (Quick Rd. corner, subdivision entrances) and also to install signs on some of the posts stating that this is a non-motorized trail.

Appointments: **Sandford made a motion to appoint Jim Bartlett as an alternate for the Board of Review, effective 12/10/19, for the remainder of the term expiring 12/31/20. Baker seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Sandford made a motion to re-appoint Paul Repasky as a regular member of the Planning Commission, effective 1/1/20, for the 3-year term expiring 12/31/22. Lauer seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Sandford made a motion to appoint Tom Varner as a regular member of the Planning Commission, effective 1/1/20, for the 3-year term expiring 12/31/22. Baker seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

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Sandford made a motion to re-appoint Jeff Ford as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective 1/1/20, for the 3-year term expiring 12/31/22. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Sandford made a motion to appoint Nancy Sarowski as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective 1/1/20, for the 3-year term expiring 12/31/22. Lauer seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

False Fire Alarms: Fire Chief Cupps had presented a list of the chargeable false fire alarms in the Township for the year through November, 2019. It was agreed to bill First Presbyterian Church for two false alarms.

Summer Tax Collection Fee Letter for 2020: A letter will be sent to the Harbor Springs Public Schools asking the Superintendent to sign the agreement for West Traverse Township to collect 2020 summer taxes for the school.

Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2020-2021: The 2020-2021 budget schedule was reviewed. The 2020 road projects were reviewed.

Township Hall: There was discussion as to whether the Township should build a new Township hall or not.

Clerk's Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission will be reviewing some Master Plan edits tomorrow night. There are three proposed amendments that will be reviewed, also.

Zoning Administrator: David White presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee: Baker said that he had checked with Birchwood and they are not doing any maintenance on the Township 80 acres.

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LTBBOI Litigation: No report.

Supervisor's Report: No report.

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: Jim Bartlett stated that he is not convinced that it is in the best interest of the Township to spend the money on a new Township hall. Paul Mooradian stated that he thinks there are a lot of issues with the current hall and maybe someone should meet with the county building inspector to see what the parameters are for re-modeling the existing hall. Tom Varner thought that the building is very nice aesthetically.

Board Comments: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

Proposed: December 10, 2019
Approved: January 14, 2020