

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2017**

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

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

Visitors: Neil Ahrens, John Riggs, Paul Mooradian, Bryan Nolan, Sue Matsko.

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 April 11, 2017 as presented. Lauer seconded the motion.**

Vote: 4 yes. 1 abstain.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift Report: John Riggs presented his report.

Baker made a motion to authorize John Riggs to hire Peyton Holt at a rate of \$10/hr and Kassidy Hadix at a rate of \$10.25/hr, as seasonal employees at Thorne Swift. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Assessing Report: Joe Lavender, Township Assessor, gave a review of what he has done for the past year and what his plans are for the future.

New Voting Equipment: **Baker made a motion that therefore be it resolved that the West Traverse Township Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of West Traverse Township, Emmet County on this 9th day of May, 2017. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

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

Hughston Road Booster Station: Bryan Nolan, from Benchmark Engineering, came to the meeting to explain the costs for the proposed Hughston Road booster station. He presented more accurate pricing which is almost double what was estimated previously. There are two estimates and those were reviewed.

Baiardi made a motion to approve having Benchmark Engineering prepare and send out for bids for the Houghston Road booster station. Baker seconded the motion. Vote: All yes.

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Quick-State Intersection: Sandford has been in contact with the Road Commission regarding the Quick Rd. – State Rd. intersection. There have been multiple suggestions as to what could be done at the intersection to make it safer. It was agreed amongst the Board members that the problem is with drivers traveling west on Quick Road and the fact that they pull out when it might not be safe. After much discussion, it was agreed that only two signs on the northbound side of State Road were necessary.

Newsletters: There was discussion regarding whether or not to put out a newsletter this year as well as how and when to send out the Thorne Swift newsletter. It was decided to send out the Township newsletter and the Thorne Swift newsletter along with the summer tax bill.

Barn Room Demolition: There was discussion as to whether the room on the west side of the barn should be taken down. It was decided to leave it as is for the time being.

John Deer Tractor: It was decided to sell the John Deer tractor that is stored in the garage.

Clerk's Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission continues to work on the Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Administrator: Randy Frykberg presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift: No report.

LTBBOI Litigation: Sandford gave an update on the progress of the LTBBOI litigation.

Supervisor: Sandford pointed out that one section of road repair had been left off the list from the Road Commission, so .1 mile on Gulfside Ct. will be added to the projects for 2017.

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Neil Ahrens, County Commissioner, wanted to know if the Board had any questions or concerns regarding anything at the County level.

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Board Comments: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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