

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Scott Kennard, Dan Gorman, Dawson Moore, Paul Mooradian,  
Lauri Hartmann, Neil Ahrens, Sue Matsko.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Public Comments: None.

Approve Minutes: **Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2018 as presented. Lauer seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: The Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs presented his written report.

Snow Removal for 2018-2019: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the use of Lauer Pest Control for snow removal in 2018-2019. Baker seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Assessing Contracts: **Baker made a motion to change the terms of the Assessing contracts to run from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. Lauer seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Generator: The Township has received a bid for a generator for the Township hall. It was agreed that a generator is wanted and that three bids are necessary, according to Township policy, since the first bid was over \$10,000.

Branch Property Reconfiguration – Plat of Emmet Beach: The Branch property reconfiguration needs to be approved by the Township Board because it is in a Plat, and the Township attorney has to draft a document to make it official and make sure that it gets recorded.

**Baker made a motion to approve the property line adjustment, as depicted on the site plan dated October 1, 2018, subject to proper documentation by the Township attorney. (Parcels 24-16-15-15-200-027, 24-16-15-15-200-028, 24-16-15-15-200-046). Lauer seconded the motion.**

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

Clerk's Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Planning Commissioner's Report: Baiardi reported that Baker attended the September Planning Commission meeting, representing the letter he had given to the Township Board regarding turning over all zoning permitting to the County. The Planning Commission was not real receptive to what he had to say. At the October Planning Commission meeting, it was suggested that Baker be asked to be a little more specific in what his thoughts were. The Planning Commission members felt that they would rather see all of the residential zoning be brought back to the Township. It would require more time from the Zoning Administrator.

Zoning Administrator's Report: David White had presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift: Baker reported that there has been some trail clearing going on on the Township 80 acres.

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: Paul Mooradian said that he wanted to re-iterate what Baiardi had stated regarding the Planning Commission. The Planning Commissioners had talked about Baker's letter and they would like to keep the zoning in house. He said that this community is unique. Mooradian said that the Planning Commissioners would like to see more resources put into Planning and Zoning. He pointed out that quite a bit of money had been spent to update the Zoning Ordinance and it would be nice if that was supported. He suggested that possibly the Zoning Administrator could add another half a day during the week to his schedule if all of the permitting was brought back to the Township.

Board Comments: Lauer relayed a comment from a local taxpayer who thought that the Township was giving too much to the County and that everything should be brought back here. This person wondered why the County was doing all of the Township's taxes and why they weren't being done at the Township.

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Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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