

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Paul Mooradian, 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 October 10, 2017 as presented. Lauer seconded the motion.**

**Vote: All yes.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs presented his written report.

AMAR Changes: There have been two new additions to the Audit of Minimum Requirements per MCL 211.7cc. The Township will be required to charge 1.25% interest per month or fraction of a month to the owner of property that has been issued a PRE denial notice. The township is also required to levy the specified interest and penalty for failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit, unless the Township has passed a resolution waiving the interest and penalty.

**Lauer made a motion to approve the Resolution waiving penalty fees and interest for failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit, as presented. Baker seconded the motion.**

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

Appointments for 2018:

Sandford presented a list of the 2017 Appointments and reviewed the changes that are coming up. Baiardi, Hollingsworth and Baker volunteered for positions that Sandford no longer wants to hold.

Booster Station Update: It will be February or March before the new booster station will be installed.

Fruehauf Tax Tribunal Petition: Sandford reviewed the progress of the Fruehauf Tax Tribunal case.

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Clerk's Report: Baiardi gave her report. At the recent MTA meeting, it was brought up that there are some invasive plant species in Emmet County. The person who gave the presentation was asking if the townships and cities in Emmet County would want to join a committee for Emmet County to help to be able to apply for grants to try to remove some of these invasive species. John Riggs volunteered to represent West Traverse Township.

Treasurer's Report: Hollingsworth gave her report.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to review the proposed New Zoning Ordinance. This will be discussed at the next meeting in December, also.

Zoning Administrator: Randy Frykberg had presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift: No report.

LTBBOI Litigation: No report.

Supervisor's Report: Sandford stated that the Tamarac station pumps were recently tested and one of them needs to be replaced because it is not working. He will talk to Benchmark Engineering to get more information.

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

**Vote: All yes.**

Public Comments: Paul Mooradian had some questions about the recently updated Land Division Ordinance. He questioned the validity of a land division he made 17 years ago and if it was still valid even though he did not record the division with the county. Sandford explained that the Land Division Ordinance was updated to make it compliant with State law, so his prior land division would not be valid since he does not have separate parcel numbers for any splits.

Board Comments: Baiardi brought up the subject of changing the Board meeting time to an earlier time in the evening. It was agreed to have the next meeting in December at 5:30 p.m. and see how everyone likes that time.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on December 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:  
Susan Matsko  
Township Secretary

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