

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

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

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

Visitors: John Riggs, Dave White, Dylan Watson, Paul Mooradian, Sue Matsko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda and Additional Items: The agenda was approved by consensus with the addition of: h. Metro Act Right of Way Permit Resolution.

Public Comments: None.

Dave White Introduction: Dave White was introduced as the new Zoning Administrator.

Approve Minutes: **Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2018 as presented. Baker seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Lauer made a motion to approve the Special meeting minutes of September 4, 2018 as presented. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

Vote: All yes.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed.

Thorne Swift: John Riggs presented his written report.

AMAR Report: The AMAR report, dated August 31, 2018, was reviewed.

Assessor Vacancy: **Sandford made a motion that the Township Board accepts Joe Lavender's proposal to continue to provide Assessing services to the Township, consisting of office hours on Monday mornings and utilizing a mutually agreed upon person, contracted by the Township, to conduct field inspections at a total compensation of \$33,300 for a period of October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 which is when his current contract runs out; and to authorize Supervisor Sandford to prepare and sign contracts with Joe Lavender and the contractor. Baker seconded the motion.**

Roll Call Vote: Hollingsworth – no, Baker – yes, Lauer – yes, Baiardi – no, Sandford – yes.

New Township Hall: The subject of building a new Township hall was discussed at length. The majority of the Board felt that the project would be too expensive. There was discussion about what improvements could be made to the existing hall.

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Mooradian/Gopigian Letter – Township Campus: Paul Mooradian had presented a joint letter from himself and Garon Gopigian saying that they would like the opportunity to help the Township pursue a goal of creating a campus on the Township property.

Cook Property Master Plan: Baker presented a plan for possible uses of the Cook property.

Baker Letter – County Planning and Zoning: Baker presented a letter to the Board stating that he feels that the Township should turn over all of the Township’s zoning to the County to oversee.

October Board Meeting Date: **Baker made a motion that the October Board meeting be moved from October 9 to October 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Hollingsworth seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Metro Act Right of Way Permit Resolution: **Sandford made a motion that effective September 11, 2018 and extending through September 11, 2023, West Traverse Township agrees to authorize the requested Metro Act Right of Way Permit for Great Lakes Energy allowing them to facilitate providing broadband service to their members. Baker seconded the motion.**

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

Clerk’s Report: Baiardi presented her report.

Treasurer’s Report: Hollingsworth presented her report.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission did not have a meeting in August.

Zoning Administrator: Joe Lavender had presented his written report.

Recreation/Thorne Swift: No report.

LTBBOI: Sandford was deposed for the LTBBOI litigation.

Supervisor’s Report: Sandford presented his report.

Sandford made a motion to defend the appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for the property taxes on the Abood property on Harbor Point (Parcel #24-16-15-13-399-023); and to authorize Supervisor Sandford to arrange for an appropriate narrative appraisal report by a MAI Appraiser at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, if and when it is recommend by Attorney Wurster and Assessor Lavender. Baker seconded the motion.

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

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

Vote: All yes.

Public Comments: Paul Mooradian had some comments regarding John Baker's letter about Zoning.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth had some comments regarding County 911 response times.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cindy Baiardi, Clerk

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary