

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
6:00 PM**

Supervisor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 6:00

Roll Call: Mooradian, Olson, Hollingsworth, Bartlett

Absent: Green

Visitors: Ed Murphy, John Riggs, Paul Mooradian, Amy Peters

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve agenda & additional items. Bartlett adds an item to the agenda, a recommendation from the recreation committee which will be “item e” in action items.

Public comments. None

Approve minutes of regular meeting on September 12, 2023. Hollingsworth has a correction in the first paragraph, 5th line, it should state “posing” instead of “opposing”. Bartlett has a correction on page 2, action item “a”, 5th line should say “accept” and not “except”.

Hollingsworth makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented with corrections. Mooradian seconds the motion. All yes.

Review correspondence not included below.

Thorne Swift report – Riggs gave his report.

Action items:

- a. Review quarterly trial balance.
- b. Treasurer report of transcription software/equipment. Hollingsworth handed it over to Peters and Olson to research.
- c. Authorize Supervisor to sign Pond Hill Agreement – Mooradian had questions about the draft. Mooradian states the draft agreement states 2 months and the 6 weekends were agreed upon for the Fall Festival weekends in the motion. Mooradian states “that is a conflict of what we voted on and what we are writing in.” Mooradian states she did thoroughly review the minutes and listened to the recording of the meeting. Mooradian has a question about 4a in the draft: she states, “when we say at any one time in the day for either 500 or the 999, we are in conflict with our ordinance.” Mooradian states the township attorney even reviewed them. Mooradian states “by having the 999 at any given time, exceeds the 1000 that is not to exceed in a 24-hour period. The OGO states not to exceed 1000 in a 24-hour period.” Mooradian states, “considering this goes with the land in perpetuity”. Mooradian believes this will cause problems with the next owner of the farm if they want a SUP or an OGO.

- Mooradian states, “we need to review the OGO; something needs to change so that we are not in conflict from the moment we sign.” Hollingsworth states, “we are not tying them to an Outdoor Gathering Ordinance, this is specific to them.” Mooradian states, “they are exceeding the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance that we have in our township.” Bartlett states, “this isn’t an Outdoor Gathering Ordinance piece.” Mooradian believes it would be a good idea to talk to the attorney about it. Bartlett states he will express Mooradian’s concern on the issue to the attorney.
- d. Authorize Clerk to sign 2024 Early Voting Budget and Cost Sharing Agreement with Emmet County. Olson states, “this is a result of the Prop 2, 2022 election changes, the agreement with Emmet County and the other 18 municipalities in Emmet County. They are going into a shared agreement to provide a single location for the nine days of early voting before the election.” Olson states that the agreement is the process, activities, responsibilities, and shared cost behind it. Mooradian asks if workers need to be provided? Olson states, “the expectation is that the clerks in those places will have people to work.”
- Hollingsworth makes a motion to allow the clerk to sign the agreement for election services between Emmet County and the 18 Municipalities for the 9 days of early voting. Mooradian seconds the motion.**
- Roll call: Mooradian-yes, Hollingsworth-yes, Bartlett-yes, Olson-yes**
- e. Recommendation from the Recreation Committee. Bartlett feels the board should think about it and if it is something the board may want to pursue then they would have to do a thorough review of the deed to make sure there are no restrictions. Hollingsworth states “it is my understanding that this property is for future township hall development.”
- Bartlett states, “we will send back, through our representative, to the rec committee to investigate securing access to the Township 80 which would include a parking lot.”

Reports & Updates:

- a. Clerk – None
- b. Treasurer – The Treasurer gave her report.
- c. Planning Commission – Paul Mooradian gave report.
- d. Zoning Administrator
- e. Recreation/Thorne Swift Committee – Mooradian gave her report.
- f. Supervisor – Supervisor gave his report.

Approve payables & payroll – **Bartlett makes a motion to approve payables & payroll. Hollingsworth seconds the motion. All yes.**

Public comments – None

Board comments – None

Next Regular Meeting – **Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm.**

Supervisor Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jay Olson, Clerk

Transcribed by:
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