

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Approved Minutes

26 April 2022 7:00 P.M.

9773 Mt. Hope Road

Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:02 p.m.

Present: Lance, McAlister, Kitley, Walz. **Absent:** Morency. Also present: 6 residents, Deputy Jim Moore and Jackson County Sheriff Gary Schuette.

Public Comment: Sharon Houck said a prayer for the Township, fire personnel and police personnel. Bill Richardson spoke of Bill #429 giving more control to state and less to Townships regarding gravel pits. The people that he spoke with said that the bill will most likely not be voted on until November.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. **Absent:** Morency. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to pay Post Audit bills in the amount of \$8,558.14. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. **Absent:** Morency. Motion carried. Deputy Moore gave a police report for March: Dispatched complaints=37 calls for service, 14 traffic stops, 9 citations. There was 1 misdemeanor arrest and 1 arrest for operating vehicle while intoxicated. He investigated 2 injury and 1 property damage traffic crashes. The Sheriff's Office responded to 9 calls for service and the Michigan State Police 13.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Parks & Recreation: Walz reported that they had a group of scouts picking up trash/leaves at the cemeteries the Township owns and at the park in Munith and planted 3 trees that were donated by Pathways Landscape. Walz and other representatives from the Parks and Rec Committee attended the Jackson County Parks meeting in Jackson. The water garden here at the Township will be planted soon. Walz is also planning for the new sign to put on the park pavilion.

Planning Commission: Cynthia Richardson said at the meeting they reviewed and incorporated input from the attorney on Sections 11.22-Adult Entertainment Businesses, approved the changes to the Noise Ordinance added by our attorney and completed several items on the Items to Review List. They started discussion on Article 9 (Zoning Districts, Regulations, and Map).

Noise Ordinance: Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve the Noise Ordinance # 22-04-26-1. Roll call vote: Yes/Walz, Kitley, Lance, McAlister. No/none. **Absent:** Morency. Motion carried.

Jail Millage: Jackson County Sheriff Gary Schutte gave a presentation on the physical condition of the Jail in Jackson on Wesley Street. It was built in 1952 and plumbing and electrical is in very bad shape. They are proposing a move of everything to the Chanter Road facility which already is set up with a kitchen, laundry facility, nurse, etc. They would have to add on. The current facility on Wesley Street can house up to 185 inmates. Pictures of the facility are available at the Township. The last jail millage was in 2002. A millage will

be on the November ballot, but the amount has not yet been determined. That information will be available soon. He may be back to do another presentation before November. Deputy Jim Moore verified that all of the information presented has been that way since he began his career with Jackson County. It is in great need of change. Charity Steere said they do well in spite of the issues with the building.

Mowing Bids: Mowing bids were submitted by Pathways Landscape, Greenshades Lawncare, JR3 Services, CJ's Lawncare, and Carson Services, LLC. After discussion, McAlister motioned with support from Walz to accept the bid from Greenshades in the amount of \$235 per mow which includes all properties. Roll call vote: Yes/Kitley, Lance, McAlister, Walz. No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.

Credit Card: Walz stated that the Point and Pay Credit Card one-time fee of \$2,000 for set-up is to use the account to accept payment for taxes and building permits. The cost is 3% to residents when they use the card payment. We will use the \$2,000 one-time payment to use the card service company.

Other Business That Comes Before the Board: Thursday night May 26th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. was set as the time for the Budget Planning Workshop.

Public Comment: Richardson spoke approving improvements to the Clear Lake County Park and asked if a day could be assigned to get help to go there and do a cleanup. He also asked if flags could be put in Waterloo Village this spring. He will be scheduling a date for the introduction to what we would like our website to look like and instructions on adding new items to website as they occur.

Public Comment: Katherine Upton thanked Wendy Walz for her work on improving the Clear Lake County Park. Sharon Houck thanked Sheriff Schutte for sharing the information regarding the Jackson County Jail. She also commented on the newly refinished floor and how great looks. Cynthia Richardson asked that the Short-Term Rental Ordinance be made more public. Walz mentioned that the Grit and Gravel Bike Ride will take place this Saturday, April 30th in the Township.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Budget Workshop will be May 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website waterlootwpmi.com and on our Facebook page at: [waterlootownshipmichigan](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootownshipmichigan).

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk