

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes

25 October 2022 7:00 P.M.

9773 Mt. Hope Road

Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Lance, McAlister, Kitley, Walz. **Absent:** Beck. **Also present:** 8 residents.

Public Comment: Richardson spoke of the HBS5981 passed and was signed by the Governor on 10/7/22. Takes away Township zoning authority on programs within a child caring institution that is organized for the purpose of receiving minor children for care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis. SB429 would take away zoning and police power authority from Townships and gives it to the State for licensing of all gravel operations (through EGLE). Will go to the next committee November or December. HB4722 passed the House last October. Takes the zoning authority away from Townships and gives it to the State for licensing of Short-Term Rentals, allowing them to exist anywhere. Looking favorable without amendment. It will go to Senate for a vote in November or December. Those sessions are lame duck sessions and anything could happen. If you want your Township to continue to control zoning, please contact the following: Your Representative Sarah Lightner (SB429) Sarah Lightner@house.mi.gov; (517)-373-1775; or your Senator: Mike Shirkey (HB4722) <https://www.senatormikeshirkey.com>. (517)-373-5932.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay Post Audit bills in the amount of \$3,116.44. Roll call vote: Yes/ Kitley, Lance, McAlister, Walz. No/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried. Deputy Moore gave his report for the month of September. Deputy Moore and deputies assigned to Waterloo Township worked 172.5 hours and patrolled 2,119 miles. Deputies responded to 24 calls for service. Deputies conducted 19 traffic stops and issued 9 citations. Deputies investigated 2 property damage traffic crashes. The Sheriff's Office responded to 16 calls for service. The Michigan State Police responded to 14 calls for service.

Correspondence: Lance read the emails from Jackson M-Dot regarding cost of road repair for secondary roads which is 70% responsibility of Waterloo Township and 30% responsibility of M-Dot.

Old Business: Lance motioned with support from Walz to approve Resolution 22-10-25-1. A resolution to approve the addition of Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System with amendment as a new investment option. Aye/all; no none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried.

New Business:

Parks & Recreation: Walz gave Parks and Recreation meeting information. A new bid has come in for the fence changing it from a 4-foot to a 5-foot fence. They are asking for half of the cost down amounting to \$17,000. They discussed having a vender market/craft show and having vendors come in and have a tables for their crafts set up in the hall. Lance suggested contacting the Farm Museum to get the names of crafters who set up there for their events. Their next meeting will be December 13th at 9:30. Walz motioned with support from McAlister

to approve the new 2021-2025 Edition of the Township Recreation Plan. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried. Copies are available at the Township if anyone wishes to see it.

Planning Commission: Bill Steere and Mark Zweifler gave a brief run-down of the Planning Commission meeting on October 18th. They are looking at re-doing the maps. They asked for a computer to put the mapping program on. Lance said Kitley would contact IT Right for a cost of the new laptop with the specs needed to handle the mapping program. Zweifler gave a copy of the required specs to Kitley to submit with a request for a quote. Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for a new laptop and the mapping program. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried. Lance motioned with support from Walz to adopt the new Parks Ordinance O-22-10-25-1, which provides for the use, protection, regulation and control of the Township Parks, public facilities and other matters concerning recreation, conservation, education and scenic areas and to provide for the adoption of supplementary rules and regulations and other matters related to the use of and conduct in Township Parks and any Township Board approved public properties and to provide for enforcement and penalties of associated violations of the Ordinance to ensure the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the Township and its community. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried. Lance talked of the road repair issue discussed last month. The Road Commission wants a commitment signed to go forward. Lance said we need to get a recent assessment/status of our roads from them before we go forward with a decision. The decision is tabled until January 2023. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve the bid for snow plowing from Green Shades Lawn Mowing. The bid reads as: Daytime plowing/salting at 1–3-inch depth per plow at a price of \$150.00, Overnight snows over 3 inches and up to 5 inches will be plowed and salted once at a price of \$225.00; snow accumulations over 5 inches will require multiple plows at the \$150 price per plow; salt only bid of parking lot/driveway and clearing only of sidewalks for less than 1 inch will be \$65.00 per visit. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried.

Other Business That Comes Before the Board: Walz motioned with support from Lance to approve adding Sarah Walz who is the new Deputy Treasurer, as a signer of our bank accounts and sign checks. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried. Kitley said the cameras are installed and working.

Public Comment: Patrick asked that the monkey bars in the Munith Park be repaired. The top bar has separated and is dangerous. Richardson spoke of the condition of our roads. Lance talked about the money that will be dedicated to repair of secondary roads. Patrick also asked that a calendar be posted on the website covering the weekends that the hall is being used for purpose of plowing and salting. Lance said a count of traffic use on the secondary roads would be good. Upton spoke of the gravel trucks using the roads avoiding I-94 truck weight check stations. Deputy Moore said he would pay more attention to the trucks coming through our Township, especially on Clear Lake Road who are not doing business within our Township.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Beck. Motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on November 22, 2022 at 7:00 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