

## **Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes**

**26 September 2023 7:00 P.M.**

**9773 Mt. Hope Road**

**Munith, MI 49259**

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

**Present:** Lance, Walz, Kitley, McAlister, Beck. Also present: 14 residents, Deputy Desnoyer.

**Public Comment:** Sharon Houck gave her prayer. Dave Karzynski read his resolution being presented for a vote regarding townships retaining control of land use for solar power, wind turbines, etc. Bill and Cynthia Richardson both spoke in support of the resolution. Nancy Siegel spoke of the Green Road opening. She is concerned with the length of time this has taken. Catherine Upton read many items relating to her research on the solar panels and wind turbines. She spoke of how they dispose of the items when they no longer function. Chad Simpson from the Waterloo Horsemen's Association said Green Road has been graded and rolled and it looks like more work is being planned.

**Consent Agenda:** Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay the Post Audit checks is the amount of \$663.99. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Motion carried.

**Building and Zoning:** 19 permits, 20 inspections.

**SAESA:** Kitley spoke of the \$40,000 grant received for new fire fighter gear. It has been ordered. Also spoke of the audit report and that Beck is doing a great job keeping SAESA solvent and in order.

**Police Report:** Deputy Desnoyer's report for August was as follows: Deputies put in 128 hours, drove 1658 miles, answered 23 calls for service, made 32 stops and issued 6 citations. Sheriff's office responded to 33 calls and Michigan State Police took 21 calls for service.

**Correspondence:** Discussion on the resolution to keep control of Waterloo Township land use. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to adopt Resolution 23-09-26-1 expressing support to maintain local control over local land use including, but not limited to short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installment and sand and gravel mining. Roll call vote: Yes/Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Motion carried. Signed copies will be sent to many officials including Governor Whitmer.

**Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Parks & Recreation:** Walz spoke of the Halloween Parade plans. They are working on the Munith Park getting quotes on what needs to be replaced/removed from grounds. The park has been inspected and evaluated by Rohn Tripp as to what needs to be done. Grants will be submitted for funds to help with repairs and replacements. Henrietta Township will help with grants and financing. A survey needs to be done. Lance spoke of electricity cost for Waterloo would be \$6500 and \$11,000 for Munith light poles electricity. It seems to be more sensible to buy battery powered LED light decorations for holidays. It will be checked into.

**Planning Commission:** They had a zoning change request by Hamlin Farms LLC. They are wanting to change A1 to A2. A public hearing is being scheduled. They also discussed the sign ordinance and decided

to let Jackson County Department of Transportation make decisions on signs placed in the road right of ways. They also reviewed and updated sections 20.1 through 20.13 of the Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Action Items:**

- Lance motioned with support from Walz to approved the land division of Perry Land, LLC Parent Parcel 000-05-02-151-003-05 into 2 other parcels to be identified before submitting to the County. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.
- Kitley motioned with support from Beck to increase election worker's hourly pay to \$15.00. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck. No/none. Motion carried.
- The addition of two additional paid holidays for our 2 deputies and building admin person is tabled pending completion of Employee Handbook which Beck is working on.
- Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to hold the 9 early days of voting in Jackson at one of the two locations that will be selected for the February election. Aye/Lance, Beck, McAlister, Kitley. No/Walz. Motion carried.

Lance is still waiting on more information regarding push texts from the person who did our website upgrade.

**Any Other Business That Comes to the Board:** None

**Public Comment:** Dave Westner thanked the Board for passing the resolution earlier in the meeting. C. Richardson spoke to Beck regarding other sites to help with Employee Handbook. B. Richardson thanked Board for passing the resolution. Chad Simpson asked about the horse signs relating to their club. Lance will talk with county. He also spoke of notifying residents of horse trail riding events the same as bike riding events. Beck said he will take a helicopter ride to identify a couple of places a helicopter could land if there is an accident in the horse trail areas.

**Adjournment:** Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

**The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on October 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website [waterlootwpmi.gov](http://waterlootwpmi.gov), on our Facebook page at: [waterlootownshipmichigan](http://waterlootownshipmichigan), and The Grass Lake Exponent.**

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk