

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes

23 January 2024 7:00 P.M.

9773 Mt. Hope Road

Munith, MI 49259

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

Present: Lance, Walz, Kitley, Beck, McAlister. Also present: 4 residents, Margie Walz (Jackson County Commissioner) Deputy Desnoyer.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Walz provided the following updates: American One gave a donation to the Jackson County Sheriff's department which will be used for two police dogs and training; The vet clinic has committed to doing veterinary care on the police dogs; the Jackson County Parks Board is posting temporary summer jobs this month; a broadband ad hoc committee has been formed and a grant applied for; IT is updating the Jackson County website, which should be up and running mid-April; the road commission has made some more progress due to the late frost; there will be a jail millage on the August ballot.

B.Richardson reported that the extraction committee will be meeting soon to discuss the closure of the Aggregate Resources pit. Also, informed the board that a ballot initiative is coming to put on the November ballot a vote to return control of local zoning for large scale wind and solar projects to local governments.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda with changes as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

SAESA – all animal blood bank personnel are out of the office now and the offices are being updated. This space will be available for rent.

Police Report: Deputy Desnoyer's report for December 2023 was as follows: Deputies put in 166 hours, drove 2220 miles, answered 28 calls for service, and made 60 traffic stops. The Sheriff's office responded to an additional 20 calls.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Parks & Recreation: The wall has been removed from Munith Park. Need to secure bids for repairs to the pavilion. Received a great deal on Christmas decorations for next year. Also discussed a yoga class at the township hall. After some discussion the board tentatively agreed to Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. for this class. Expect classes to start in February.

Outdoor Special Event Ordinance: This ordinance will be a police power ordinance. Planning Commission has reviewed the ordinance and is ready to move on it whenever the board is ready. The board decided on a \$100 fee, but also wanted to add some language that would allow them to waive the fee for non-profit organizations that show approved non-profit status. These edits will be made and sent to the township attorney for review.

Land Division: Motion made by Lance, support by Walz to approve the land division of parent parcel # 000-05-05-400-001-00 to new parent parcel #000-05-05-400-001-01 and split parcel #'s 000-05-05-400-001-02 & 000-05-05-400-001-03. Aye/Lance, Walz, Kitley, Beck, McAlister; no/none. Motion carried. A Resolution for partial termination of a farm land development rights agreement with pre-existing structures was drafted as required as

the pre-existing parent parcel was part of the PA116 land preservation act. The two new split parcels will not be part of the PA116 land preservation act. Motion by Lance, support by McAlister to adopt the resolution.

Aye/Lance, Walz, Kitley, Beck, McAlister; no/none.

Any Other Business That Comes to the Board:

Decker Agency Insurance – the board reviewed a new proposal to include insurance for the new fire barn. The township is only required to insure the building. SAESA insures the contents of the building and the employees. New insurance quote is roughly a 10% increase with the fire barn added. Motion by Lance, support by Beck to accept the Decker Agency proposal for 2024. Roll call vote Aye/Kitley, Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz; no/none.

February Board meeting date – next month's regularly scheduled board meeting falls on election day, so it needed to be rescheduled. The board agreed to reschedule February's board meeting to Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment: B.Richardson inquired about the \$100 application fee for the outdoor special events ordinance, thinking it was a little high. The board discussed leaving the first application fee at \$100, but changing subsequent fees from the same applicant for the same event to \$50. Fees can also be adjusted in the future as the process becomes more refined.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on February 22, 2024, 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, on our Facebook page at: [waterlootownshipmichigan](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootownshipmichigan), and The Grass Lake Exponent.

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk