

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes

23 February 2021 7:00 P.M.

9773 Mt. Hope Road

Munith, MI 49259

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

Present: Lance, Kitley, McAlister, Walz, Morency (on Zoom). Also present: 12 residents.

Public Comment: Pat Deanhofer stated her opposition to the rezoning of 10253 Territorial Road. Cynthia Richardson read an article on Marijuana being a gateway drug for some youth and adults. Kristin Owens-PA at Allegiance Ford spoke of infants being brought in to emergency unresponsive because of marijuana ingestion. Ken Pope wanted no marijuana growth facility and asked that Waterloo Township be kept clean for all. Lois Pope asked questions for clarity. Presumption has to do with being bold and overstepping proper ground and arrogance. Subtle pressure is being used to pursue the growth. Asked the growth of this be moved to somewhere that allows it.

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 bills as listed on the Post Audit report in the amount of \$9,967.69. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Morency. No/none. Motion carried. Kitley reported that at the SAESA meeting issues with one of the tankers and the possible purchase of a new one. Cost and interest rates will be checked. No police report was available for Waterloo Township. Our new deputy is back on duty after knee surgery on the 24th of February. In his absence, he was covered by other deputies from Jackson County Sheriff's office.

Correspondence: Lance read letters regarding the marijuana growth proposal for Waterloo Township from K. Sauve (yes), C. G. Lantis (yes), Stockbridge Township Supervisor, K. Witchen (yes), Sharon and David Houck (no).

Old Business: Walz stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee met in February. They plan to have new Parks and Recreation Plan ready for the board at the March meeting. Plans for Spring are being worked on.

Lance motioned with support from McAlister to accept the Decker Agency insurance quote at a cost of \$774.00 for the Workman's Comp part of the insurance coverage effective February 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Morency. No/none. Motion carried.

Millage proposal language will be ready for the board in March.

New Business: Morency reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on February 16. Public hearing took place regarding the Green Road request from Aggregate Industries. Decision is on hold until next month because of questions that need to be checked into. Some changes will be made to the resolution document and will be presented again to the Planning Commission at March meeting. They denied the rezoning of Territorial Road because of Zoning Ordinances and Master Plan guidelines. Their recommendation was sent to the Board for final decision.

Lance read the resolution from the Planning Commission which led to their denial of the re-zoning of 10253 Territorial Road. Lance motioned whereas the Waterloo Township has received an application dated November 12, 2020 from Farmers State Bank of Munith for the rezoning of Parcel ID #000-05-07-252-002-01, 10253 Territorial Road, Munith, MI 49259 from A-1 to C-2 resolution R-2021-02-16-1 which was read, showing two surveyed plots within an existing parcel. Parcel "A" of 3.50 acres, and Parcel "B" of 3.78 acres. There was no parcel split application on file. The rezoning application was accompanied by a justification letter dated November 12, 2020 from the property owner (Farmers State Bank of Munith), the Waterloo Township Petition for Zoning Ordinance Amendment form and a Certificate of Survey (dated September 28, 2020) for the property, including the above mentioned "parcels"; and the Waterloo Township Planning Commission, after proper notification, conducted a Public Hearing on January 19th, 2021, attended by a large number of people and receiving comments from seven residents of Waterloo Township in opposition of the rezoning request and one in support of the request (the applicant). The Planning Commission, following the procedures in the Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance, reviewed and discussed the application, supporting material and comments from the Public Hearing and reviewed the comments documented on the application form by the Township's Zoning Administrator, now therefore be it resolved that the rezoning of parcel at 10253 Territorial Road the Waterloo Township Board accepts the Waterloo Township's Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the request. Support from McAlister. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

Aggregate Industries request regarding Green Road was tabled at the Planning Commission meeting until March 16 meeting.

Lance motioned with support from Walz to recognize and accept the Poverty Exemption Guidelines resolution #R-21-2-23-1 for 2021 as requested by the county and presented. Aye/all;no/none. Motion carried.

Other Business That Comes Before The Board: Lance motioned with support from Morency to have Board members signify by saying yay or nay to their vote of confidence and support of the original ordinance to "Opt Out" Ordinance from #18-12-20-1 to not allow marijuana growth facilities in our Township. Roll call vote: Yes/Morency, Lance, Kitley. No/Walz, McAlister.

Public Comment: Mallory Glenn read a letter of support from John and Andy Sweet for the marijuana growth. The letter is available for viewing at Township office. Cynthia Richardson questioned whether or not a letter had been received via fax and was told yes. Bill Richardson thanked the board for their vote on the marijuana growth facility issue.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website and on our Facebook page at: [waterlootownshipmichigan](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootownshipmichigan).

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk