

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2020 7:00 P.M.

9773 Mt. Hope Road

Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Pledge

Present: Lance, Kitley, McAlister, Walz, Morency. 2 representatives from our law firm and 6 residents.

Public Comment: Bill Richardson spoke about SB431, HB5979 which would, if passed, remove much of the Township's oversight authority of our gravel pits. It's important to contact Mike Shirkey and Sarah Lightner as our representatives, giving our objections to the bills.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Kitley reported that SAESA was sending out individual ambulance subscriptions to each household address this year as opposed to including them with the tax bills in December. Subscriptions to the ambulance have been way down and SAESA is trying to get them up so that they can continue to offer this service of accepting the insurance payment with no additional money being requested from the families.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Wendy gave a report on the Parks and Recreation work. She continues to work remotely with the committee members on changes updating the Waterloo Township Parks and Recreation Plan with some wording changes and page numbers. It is planned to meet in November. They will begin looking at applying for grants once the Plan is completed.

Lance spoke of changes in the handling of the Musbach property demolition paperwork. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to rescind the motion that was presented and approved at last month's meeting regarding the dangerous building lein proposed on the property at 12305 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259 and to authorize the Township clerk and Township attorney to move forward to formally file a lein in accordance with State law. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

New Business: Lisa Morency gave a report on the Planning Commission's meeting on October 20th. They looked at unfinished business; Zoning Ordinance review. Discussed additions to topics list, additional wording for Article 3.08 will be reviewed in November. Article 10 was reviewed, with two open questions for attorney review. Language on "ordinance" versus "amended ordinance". Looked at the need for Article 10.07 "hardship cases". Article 11 was started and completed through 11.02. They also looked at "short term" rentals information.

There was more discussion on contracting with the Jackson County Sheriff's office for one year. Our attorney, Matt Kuschel and others went through the contract and are looking at some changes. He ran through some of the proposed changes such as scheduling, ordinance enforcements, billing changes and legal changes. Lance motioned with support from Walz to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to negotiate the contract as given with the Sheriff's office in an attempt to come to an agreement. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Other townships are using the language presented for contracting with their local law enforcement agencies.

Discussion of a business establishment to produce marijuana in Waterloo Township was presented by our Township attorney. There is no tax revenue from this. Our ordinance currently prohibits such an establishment. We are looking at making some changes to the ordinances. We can establish how many growers we want to allow in the Township. Copies of the documents were given to Nate Glenn. State licenses are required as well as medical permits and Waterloo business zoning permits. It is advisable to allow for more than one permit so as not to create a monopoly. The Board is encouraged to read the documents completely to get an understanding and forward questions to our attorney.

Lance motioned with support from Walz to increase the election worker pay to \$180 a day for working 6:30 a.m. to closing which is often late, and \$11.00 an hour for those working only a scheduled number of hours. Roll call vote: Yes/ Morency, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Motion carried.

Kitley motioned with support from Lance to approve a counting board to count the absentee ballots only, consisting of 1 republican and 1 democrat. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

Other Business That Comes Before The Board: Walz stated a newsletter will be included with taxes mailed out this year. This will update the residents as to what is going on. Lance also spoke of weapons being allowed on the Township premises during the election.

Public Comment: Ken Pope spoke regarding the newsletter including possibility of police contract and ordinance changes for marijuana business growth. He feels that most residents don't know what the Board are discussing. Cynthia Richardson spoke of the lawsuit regarding the ban of weapons in polling place.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website at www.waterlootwpmi.com and on our Facebook page at: waterlootownshipmichigan.

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk