

Watertown Township
2630 South Sandusky Rd
Sandusky, MI 48471
Tuesday, June 7, 2020 – 6:00

The Watertown Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franzel at 6:00 P.M.
All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Ross, Diaz, Coats

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Gary Heberling, Paul Rich

ELECTION COMMISSION: Board approval for Election Inspectors

Tammy Ross, Clerk noted for the record that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The Public Accuracy Testing will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. before the regular Board Meeting. Notice of the Public Accuracy Meeting will be published in the Tribune – Recorder.

Ross presented the following inspectors to the Board and requested Board approval for the of the inspectors Tuesday, August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

Susan Cole, Co-Chair
Cheryl Heberling, Co-Chair
Dawn Grabitz, Co-Chair
Rosanne Kopacz
Heidi Fetting
Diane Mushenski
Gail Nartker
Carol Mitchell
Tammy Ross
Sheryl Hooper
Marilyn Loding
Nicole Marker
Taylor Foster

***Coats made the motion to approve the election inspector as presented. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

- Becky Cambridge requested Hall Lighting and MTA - Authority and Responsibilities of Michigan Townships be added under New Business.

***Cambridge made the motion to accept the agenda with the above stated changes. Coats supported. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Coats, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Franzel reported – No Correspondence

TREASURER

1. Approval of June 2020 checks number 16177 thru 16218 for a total amount of \$39,314.87 includes the sewer and fire department invoices.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve the checks as presented. Kenny supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CLERK

1. Approval of June 2, 2020 regular scheduled Board Meeting.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve the June 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Kenny supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Ross presented the bills to be paid.

***Kenny made the motion to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT

Ross presented the June 2020 report as submitted by Dick Henderson, Sexton

- There was a cremation burial of Alexander James Maitland on June 20, 2020
- Sold graves 1 & 2 in Section E, Row 25 to Raymond Jagotka at the township rate of \$300.
- Sexton pay for June was \$125

SEWER REPORT

Kenny has contacted Michigan Pipeline Inspection to set up an appointment for the end of August. However, the company is very busy and it may be September before they can meet.

WEBSITE REPORT

Cambridge reported that she:

1. Added monthly agendas and minutes.
2. Added PO Box 47 in the address and put in a notice that mail is only delivered to the PO Box.
3. Added a new resident information notice requesting that their updated information be submitted to the township for water and sewer billing.
4. Asked the Board if they would like – violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law – added to the no hunting is allowed on township property notice. By consensus, the Board did not feel this was necessary.

TAX ASSESSOR: Jeannie Diaz

Scott Franzel signed and she mailed the industrial letter to the State of Michigan. No reply has been received yet.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Brian Williams is running for Drain Commissioner to address the Board – Was not in attendance.

Paul Rich is running for Sheriff to address the Board – Paul Rich introduced himself to the Board and discussed his bid for the Sanilac Sheriff position.

Gary Heberling gave a Commissioner's report –

- Bill 690 was signed by the Governor. The bill provides stimulus funds for First Responders, and the Sheriff's Department. There will be a \$1,000 bonus checks for each of them and checks will be cut this Friday.
- Also, part of the 690 Bill, there are funds allocated for cities, townships, and villages affected by COVID-19. Applications must be filled out by city, township or village officials. On Thursday, there will be a webinar put on by the State Treasury. Mr. Heberling will send the information to Scott Franzel.
- Commissioners reviewed the current process for testing visitors and employees entering the courthouse and how long this is expected to go on. Bryant Wilke, Health Director expects the necessity for testing will be needed for the next 18 months. Due to the Governor's mandate, the Health Department has

been contracted with to provide the service at \$1,500 a week for now and other options are being explored.

- Commissioners are exploring High Speed Internet. The need has really been noticed due to COVID-19 and people working from home. So, there is a push to get this done in the next few months for the County. COVID-19 funds may be used for this.
- A meeting was held with Roger Ballard to discuss his upcoming retirement and how this position will be replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ZONING

Franzel reported:

1. Permit issued for garage – A variance meeting was held. The variance and permit were issued for this request.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept Planning Board's recommendation for the Solar Moratorium. – Franzel presented.

***Coats made the motion to approve the moratorium as submitted by the Planning Commission on the Solar Ordinance Systems. Kenny supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Accept Planning Board's recommendation for Section 17.02.
3. Accept Planning Board's recommendation for Section 19.02.

Franzel presented. These ordinances set when a notice is sent and the homeowners who must receive a notice based on distance from the project.

***Coats made the motion to accept the amendments to ordinances section 17.02 and 19.02 on zoning as presented. Kenny supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Sanilac Road Commission 2nd Mowing Contract

***Coats made the motion to approve the 2nd mowing contract. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Sanilac Road Commission Brush Spraying

Franzel reported a homeowner complaint that a tree on Watertown Road was left unsafe after the Road Commission did brush and debris removal. He forwarded the complaint to the Road Commission and requested that the tree be removed.

*** Kenny made the motion to approve Brush spraying contract. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Sanilac Road Commission gravel patching.

***Coats made the motion to approve the gravel patching. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: Kenny. Motion carried.

7. Hall lighting fixture replacement with LED Lights
Cambridge messaged Michael Ponting and has not received a message back. Discussion was held. This month Board Members will research lighting fixtures and continue this discussion at the next meeting.
8. MTA – Authority and Responsibilities of Michigan Townships Book
Cambridge passed out information on the resources offered by MTA (Michigan Township Association) and recommends ordering the Authority and Responsibilities of Michigan Townships book.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Tammy Ross - The township hall air conditioning needs servicing before the August 5th election.

***Kenny made the motion to Zach at Jim's Heating and Plumbing service and clean the air conditioning unit. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Coats, Franzel, Cambridge, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tammy Ross – The copy machine is still not working and a working copier is needed for the office and for the August 4th election. The Board will consider the purchase of a new copier.

ADJOURN

***Coats made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Coats, Franzel, Cambridge, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 28 – Public Accuracy Testing begins at 5:30 pm and regular meeting after.

Respectfully submitted
Tammy Ross, Clerk