

Watertown Township

2630 South Sandusky Rd

Sandusky, MI 48471

October 2, 2018 6:00 PM

The Watertown Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rich Honaman at 6:05 P.M. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. GUESTS: Dick Henderson, Jeff Renaudin and Commissioner Gary Herberling.

ABSENT: Franzel

ELECTION COMMISSION: Meeting opened at 6:07 pm. Ross stated that November 6th Township Board meeting will be moved to a week earlier on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 due the Election is on the 6th of November. Ross read: It is noted for the record that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The Public Accuracy Testing will take place Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 5:15 pm and will be published in the Tribune Recorder Leader. The following Election Inspectors are presented to the Board: Susan Cole Co-Chair, Dawn Grabitz Co-Chair, Heidi Fetting, Carol Mitchell, Diane Mushenski, Sheryl Gabara, Marilyn Loding, Cheryl Herberling and Tammy Ross. I need Board approval for the above Election Inspectors.

*** Motion made by Cambridge to approve the above Election Inspectors, supported by Coats. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Election Commission adjourned at 6:08 pm and Township Board resumed regular meeting immediately.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTION TO AGENDA: Added to the agenda Open Meetings Act to New Business. ***Cambridge made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition, supported by Coats. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. None present

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ZONING:

1. Bart Lee – Honaman updated Board – neighbors had their property surveyed, Honaman showed the Board survey stakes on the property line, also showed Board the returned green slip from certified mail which has Bart's signature on it. Honaman updated spoke to Attorney and gave him update.
2. Jonathon Boyle – Honaman updated Board – Coats placed a call to Julie Murphy left message but got no return call. Honaman asked for the Boards approval to have Attorney draw up a letter and send to Julie Murphy.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve Honaman having Attorney draw up a letter and send to Julie Murphy, supported by Coats. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Mike Vanetta – update of 12 feet of property between him and Tonya Miller – Honaman has spoken to both of them and explained that this matter is not within the townships jurisdiction and that it is a property line dispute and would have to go to court.
4. Informational letter regarding township blight – letter was approved at the September meeting and will go out with winter taxes.
5. James Spoutz – 105 Morris Rd – Honaman gave him a list of 29 things to clean up and had to have 9 done by the first of September – he has 8 of them done. Also has removed 8 vehicles from the property.
6. Thibodue – 2586 S Sandusky Rd – Honaman spoke to both Franzel and Miles. The building is on skids and is going to move it to another property. Honaman is still working on getting permission to go on the property. Honaman received phone call over weekend from Miles stating that Franzel was flying drone over their property. Henderson asked if Honaman would like him to try to get permission to get on the property. Honaman said yes.

PERMITS:

1. Brett Hoag – 195 W Walker Rd. putting up a 48 x 64 pole barn 3072 sq ft.
2. Andrew and Holly Knight 930 W Miller Rd adding a garage 28x45 1260 sq ft and breezeway 15.5 x5 75 sq ft. on the house.

FIRE ASSOCIATION: Business included from the September 18th meeting:

1. Telephone/fax is now complete and switched over. Seems to be working very well.
2. Fair week – everything went well for the week. Busy night at the Demo Derby.
3. Ladder Testing – UL was here on Tuesday the 11th to do the annual ladder testing. The testing went well.
4. Fire Prevention week – is the week of October 8th thru the 13th. On Saturday the 13th will be the annual breakfast from 7 am to noon.
5. End of firefighter year – is September 30th and chief will be preparing the payroll for the 2017/2018 year.
6. Scarecrow – the department will be putting up a scarecrow for the Community Hearts Group again this year.
7. Christmas Parade – the department will be bringing Santa to town for the parade this year.
8. Training – the department will be hosting an “Advanced Pump Class” on October 5th and 6th.
9. Since the August meeting there have been 7 runs with 3 being chargeable.

SEWER: Honaman gave the report:

1. Read the meters on Saturday, September 1st turned into the city on September 8th
2. Is changing the schedule of reading the meters so the readings can be turned in on time.
3. No problems with the pumps
4. Needs to buy new pads would like to purchase 10 of them
5. Coats has not yet received a copy of the readings—Honaman dropping them off in the next day or so.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cramer property – Honaman has sent letter to Cramer’s and there is no changes -- all 3 boys were up cleaning up the gas station property. Honaman going to keep an eye on things.
2. Windmill Ordinance – tabled – Honaman hasn’t done anything with it.
3. Hall Parking lot – Tabled until spring
4. Replacing bricks in front of hall – tabled until spring – checking with Franzel
5. Townline Rd project – Road is Done
6. Twp Website – Josh Cambridge – update – website is watertowntownship.net – Cambridge is telling Josh to go live with the website.
7. Brian Bobbitt – is done -- Honaman has not heard anything from him
8. Agri Valley Hi-Speed Internet – tabled – nothing new Coats has received many of the surveys back.
9. Nick and Grant Stone PA116 – Honaman gave them the papers to fill out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dick Henderson – would like Board approval to purchase a load (10 yards) of top soil for the cemetery – should last him around 2 years.

***Coats made the motion to approve have Henderson order a load of top soil for the cemetery, supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. Purchasing another touchscreen for Election – cost \$3000 – Board doesn’t feel it’s necessary and can spend the \$3000 more wisely.
3. Open Meeting Act and meeting procedures -- Coats got this right from MTA
 - 3 minute limit for public comments
 - No giving your time to someone else
 - Limit to one time per person to speak
 - No texting during the meeting or members to members texting
 - No ongoing exchange of comments and questions from the audience

Will be posted around the hall.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve and post them around the hall, supported by Ross. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. Gary Herberling – gave a brief County update

CLERK: Motion by Cambridge to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 Board meeting, supported by Coats. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cambridge made the motion to approve the bills to be paid, supported by Coat. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER: Motion by Cambridge, supported by Ross to approve September checks #155603 thru #15627 in the amount of \$27,873.15. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 @ 6:00 pm. Public Accuracy will be at 5:15 pm

ADJOURN:

Motion by Coats to Adjourn, supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Cole. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Honaman at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Ross, Clerk