

Watertown Township
2630 South Sandusky Rd
Sandusky, MI 48471
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – 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, Coats, Franzel and Ross

GUESTS: Diaz, Jeff Renaudin, Gary Heberling, Matt Cole, Chris Wedge and AFT Agent

ABSENT: Cambridge

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Franzel requested an addition under Correspondence – 2019 AMAR Review

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. AMAR Letter – Franzel reported that Diaz responded to the Department of Treasury Industrial Letter and the matter is taken care of.

CLERK:

1. Approval of October 1, 2019 minutes
2. Approve bills to be paid

TREASURER:

1. Approval of October checks #15957 thru #15986 with #15958, 15959, 15969 voided. Total amount of \$42,218.39.

***Kenny made the motion to approve the October 1, 2019 minutes, bills to be paid and October checks #15957 thru #15986 with #15958, 15959, 15969 voided. Ross supported. Ayes: Coats, Franzel, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Gary Heberling made a Commissioner's report.

- The Commissioner's passed the 2020 Budget of 25 million by resolution approval.
- **Christine Lee** was added to the council meeting agenda
- Evergreen, Lexington and Forester Parks' contracts are up. Renewal is a 1.5% increase for 2020, 1.75% increase for 2021, and 1.75% increase for 2022.
- Contract between Delaware Township and the Sheriff's department for police coverage was signed.
- Recycling Grant Funds were approved for next year.
- Recycling Millage will be up for approval March 2020.

FIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT: T Ross reported

Fire Chief's Report from October 15, 2019

- Firefighters' year end payroll was completed and submitted to Brining and Nartker, PC to be processed.
- Fire prevention week was a success with over 600 students from the school visiting.
- Breakfast was served for over 430 people.
- October 26th they will participate in the Sanilac County Medical Care Facility event at the airport from 11 until 2.
- A Hunter Safety Refresher will be offered on October 26th at Medical Control from 10 – 2.
- From the September meeting there have been 6 runs. 1 rescue, 1 chargeable and 4 non-chargeable

SEWER REPORT: S Kenny report

- There was a partial system failure during the month of October. He will contact the company on an invoice for the repairs.
- Will get quotes from Krause, Blank and Noko Electric for a backup power system. The quotes will be used to apply for an insurance company grant.

1. Liab. Policy – Increasing Sewer Backup Liability Figures – Discussion was held; however, no action was taken.

WEBSITE REPORT

Cambridge was absent. She informed Franzel that all was going well with the website.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

AFT agent, Mike addressed public concerns regarding Marijuana Growing Operations in Watertown Township. He explained the law regarding growing and rental of property for others to be able to grow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Chris Wedge commented that it doesn't seem like anything can be done about the Marijuana Growing Operation as it is now.

ZONING:

1. Jonathon Boyle – All debris removed – Need a motion to dismiss

Franzel updated the Board on debris removal and requested a motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

***Coats made the motion to dismiss the lawsuit against Jonathon Boyle based on the recent debris removal. Kenny supported. Ayes: Coats, Franzel, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. James Spoutz 105 Morris Rd – Nothing new
3. Thibodue 2586 S Sandusky Rd – Nothing new
4. Land Split for Marvin Bays

***Coats made the motion to approve the Marvin Bays land split of 2 acres off of the original 40 acres. Support by Coats, Franzel, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PERMITS ISSUED: Franzel reported:

1. Mark Harding received a permit for a shed and removed two older buildings that he would like off the tax roll

2. Received a Land Use Permit for a new house on French Line Road
3. Received a Land Permit for a lean-to to be put on a shed.
4. Jennifer Sontag requested the addition of a breezeway to an existing permit. Franzel made the addition at no charge to her.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Air Advantage – Grant Program – no new news
- Dave Faber City Manager – blight Officer – starts back up in spring
- Assessor letter sent for corrective action completed
- Hall windows estimate – Nothing new
- Hall LED lights estimate. Franzel reported that Gary Gerstenburger will give a quote on LED lights, but it will be about a month before he can do it.
- Grant from MI Township Par Plan for Sewer – See Sewer Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Would like to use limestone on edges of pavement versus gravel that is getting pushed out away from new pavement.

Scott Franzel requested that, due to erosion and special road conditions, the Board approves the use of limestone on the edges roads when needed.

***Kenny made the motion to approve the use of limestone on road edges when needed. Ross supported. Ayes: Coats, Franzel, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Projector has been purchased for the Planning Commission – Informational- no report

ADJOURN: ***Coats made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Kenny supported. Ayes: Coats, Franzel, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00.

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Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Ross, Clerk