

Watertown Township
2630 South Sandusky Rd
Sandusky, MI 48471
February 5, 2019 6:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. GUESTS: Susan Cole, Dick Henderson, Jeff Renaudin.
ABSENT: Diaz

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTION TO AGENDA: Franzel added what requires a Land Use Permit to the Permits. Honaman added Board of Review-Doug Banker retired and they need a new member ASAP to attend the BOR training.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. No Public Officials

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Franzel questioned if public comments are for questions – referring to January meeting when someone was asking questions and not making any comments for at least 10 minutes. Cambridge is checking with MTA.

ZONING:

City of Sandusky – city property at the corner of Maple Valley and Jean St being used as a dump. City Manager called Honaman and stated that the property is Grandfathered in and don't have to anything with it.

1. Bart Lee – Honaman had no update
2. Jonathon Boyle – Honaman took search warrant in and give it to the Building Dept.
3. James Spoutz – 105 Morris Rd – Honaman had no update – lady behind him called Honaman made a complaint.
4. Thibodue – 2586 S Sandusky Rd – Honaman had no update

PERMITS:

1. Road maintenance agreement for Filkins split – Honaman had no update – calling Scott Filkins
2. Dick Henderson – building a 14 x 14 garage
3. What requires a land use permit – anything over 200 sq ft requires a land use permit and a building permit.
4. Bart Lee – Board feels pool is between Bart Lee and neighbor. Neighbor needs to get a lawyer and take Lee to court to move pool/hot tub off their property. Also need to contact Attorney Wrathell to see what the next step is for Lee failing to get a permit.

*** Cambridge made the motion to approve Honaman to contact Attorney Wrathell to find out what the next step is with Bart Lee for failing to get a permit from township, supported by Coats. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

FIRE ASSOCIATION: No report

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SEWER: Honaman's report:

1. Lift station is working well
2. Reading meters March 1st

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Windmill Ordinance – Attorney Wrathell made notes on our draft of the Ordinance – Honaman taking it to the March Planning Commission meeting.
2. Hall Parking lot – getting bids by April 1st – tabled to April meeting
3. Replacing bricks in front of hall – Rich calling Hall
4. Agri Valley Hi-Speed Internet – they are committed to south of Sandusky to Peck on M-19 will be starting in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board of Review – Doug Banker retired and need to fill his spot. Honaman will talk to Bill Dixon to ask if he would be interested in filling Bankers spot. Scott Franzel will be alternate member.

***Coats made the motion to appoint Bill Dixon as a new member of the Board of Review and Scott Franzel as an alternate member, supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

2. Coats said that they are doing an online course for the Certified Citizen Planning Commission class and she is interested in doing it. Al Stoutenburg told Coats to check with our insurance agency will pay for it. He was told that 3 major insurance companies will sponsor and pay for the course which is \$275.00.
3. Ross asked the Board to look at the Board of Review pay – right now it is \$80 a day and \$10 an hour. Ross stated that they are the only committee that doesn't pay \$35 a meeting. Coats suggested increasing the pay to \$15 an hour for Board of Review days and \$35 a meeting.

*** Cambridge made the motion to increase to \$15 an hour for BOR Days and to pay \$35 a meeting, supported Coats. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

4. Cambridge asked if we heard back from Brian Gardner's office regarding the Ordinance. Honaman is calling his office again. Honaman and Al Stoutenburg found a small file with the ordinances but very few are signed copies.
5. Coats is calling DTE to get the street light fixed.
6. Cambridge read from a MTA addressing the public during the meeting. Susan Cole stated that the board at her school was advised legally not to answer, you put yourself out there for liability.

CLERK: Motion by Franzel to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board meeting, supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: DTE will be coming around and trimming trees under powerlines.

TREASURER: Motion by Cambridge, supported by Franzel to approve January checks #15726 thru #15748 with #15727 voided in the amount of \$7,310.26. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 @ 6:00 pm, Public Budget Hearing will follow regular Board meeting.

ADJOURN:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Honaman at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Ross, Clerk