

Watertown Township
2630 South Sandusky Rd
Sandusky, MI 48471
Tuesday, October 6, 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, Coats

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Dick and Marsha Henderson, Jeff Renaudin, Gary Heberling, Jason Radloff, Bill Dixon and Deputy Brock.

ELECTION COMMISSION: Board approval for Election Inspectors

Tammy Ross, Clerk noted for the record that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The Public Accuracy Testing will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. before the regular Board Meeting. Notice of the Public Accuracy Meeting will be published in the Tribune – Recorder.

The following inspectors are presented to the Board.

Susan Cole, Co-Chair	Sheryl Hooper
Dawn Grabitz, Co-Chair	Marilyn Loding
Cheryl Heberling, Co-Chair	Nicole Markel
Rosanne Kopaz	Taylor Foster
Heidi Fetting	Tammy Ross
Diane Mushenski	Maxine Kubik
Carol Mitchell	

Clerk, Tammy Ross needs Board approval for the above election inspectors for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

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

MINUTES

1. Franzel requested approval of September 1, 2020 regular scheduled Board Meeting Minutes.

***Coats made the motion to accept the September 1, 2020 meeting minutes and the September 23rd special meeting minutes with the change of the word resend to rescind.

Kenny questioned the posting, notification and the action taken at the Special Meeting. Discussion was held. The consensus of the Board is to research the Special Meeting issues and discuss at the next meeting.

Coats made the motion to accept the September 1, 2020 meeting minutes. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Kenny, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

- Board Correspondence
- DTE Letter
- County Designated Assessor Letter
- Michigan Chloride

- PA116

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Franzel reported –

1. Letter from Department of Treasury stating Jeannie Diaz, Assessor’s corrective action on the Industrial Zoning has been submitted. A follow up review has been conducted and all items have been corrected.

TREASURER

1. Approval of September 2020 checks number 16283 thru 16312 for a total amount of \$17,967.43.

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

CLERK

2. Ross requested approval for the bills to be paid.

Discussion was held.

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

CEMETERY REPORT

Ross presented the cemetery activity as of 10/6/20, as submitted by Dick Henderson, Sexton:

- Emptied dumpster on September 11, 2020
- Emptied trash barrels on September 11, 2020 - \$10.00
- Cremation burial, Grave # D 60-7, on September 16th, \$125.00
- Cremation burial, Grave # B 66-2, on September 20th, Saturday rate of \$150.00
- Burial, Grave # D 49-5, on September 23, 2020, Out of town rate of \$675.00 applied
- Burial, Grave # E 13-1, on October 1, 2020, Out of town rate of \$675.00 applied
- Sexton pay of \$1,375.00

The Board requested that Dick Henderson give a list of burial rates to Cambridge to be posted on the web site. Mr. Henderson recommended that the Board consider adjusting the Cremation Burial Rates.

SEWER REPORT

Bill Dixon – Scott Kenny and Bill Dixon read all of the water meters and Scott gave him a really good orientation on daily monitoring the remote website. They will meet on the Lift Station and some of the telemetrics associated with that. Sheets have been turned into Sheila and the City of Sandusky.

WEBSITE REPORT

Cambridge reported that she:

1. Posted the September 1st Agenda
2. Posted July 28th Minutes
3. Posted September 23rd Special Meeting Agenda

TAX ASSESSOR

Jeannie Diaz is out of town.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Gary Heberling, Commissioner reported that:

- Commissioners had their 3rd meeting today to try to balance the budget due to COVID changing the complexity of the money coming in. They spoke today about a 3% cut across the board for all departments. Good progress is being made.
- Appointed Kendra Messing to the Health Board.
- Going to replace Roger Ballard, Grounds Supervisor. An ad will be placed in the newspaper this week.
- Discussed with the Board the new assessor criteria and urged the supervisor to attend the October 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dawson Street Location to appoint a County hired Assessor. Sixteen supervisors are needed for the meeting.
- A pickup was purchased for the Sheriff's Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Renaudin requested an update on the No Trespassing Notice he presented to the Board at the last regular meeting. Franzel reported that the legal advice is to not sign the notice. Mr. Renaudin said as it is on record that the Board received the notice, it is not necessary for it to be signed. He will get a copy to everyone else on the Township payroll.

ZONING

Franzel reported:

1. Three permits were issued

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lighting for hall fixtures – Coats reported that they are back ordered until March. She cancelled that order and ordered another one of their light fixture choices. These are scheduled to be delivered on October 11th.
2. Sexton discussion – None
3. Lawn Mowing – None

ADJOURN

***Coats made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Cambridge supported. Ayes: Coats, Franzel, Cambridge, Kenny and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Public Election Accuracy test will start at 5:15 and the regular meeting will start after.

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Ross, Clerk