



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
February 6, 2023
7:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Weise.

2. PRESENT: Witt, Weise, Sommers, DeLine, McDonald, Monahan
ABSENT: Thayer

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Russ Taylor; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; DPW Director, Rick Hopper; Assistant DPW Director, Trevor Schultz; Director of Community Development, Dan Sika; Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Police Chief, Al Fong; Otto Brandt; Township Attorney and several interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Witt, seconded by Sommers to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the January 9, 2023, Regular Board Minutes and January 23, 2023 Special Board Minutes.
 - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - C. Approve the extension of Tyler Sharp, DPW Laborer's probationary period until May 2023.
 - D. Approve the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Jeremy Wagner as alternate to the Board of Review for a term of 02/06/2023-01/01/2025.
 - E. Approve the hiring of Gregory Vanherweg as part-time Electrical Inspector contingent upon passing all pre-employment requirements.
 - F. Accept the resignation of Jack Linehan from the Fire Department.
 - G. Approve the hiring of Ryan DeLong as probationary full-time First Responder for the Fire Department.
 - H. Approve amendments to Personnel Policy #901; Paid Time Off.
 - I. Accept the resignation from Jerri Sierocki as DPW Secretary.
 - J. Accept the resignation from Becca Collison as Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Assistant.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments

It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. None

8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
9. New Business
 - A. Approve Text Amendment 23-G-01 regarding outdoor storage of refuse containers prior to collection.
 - B. Approve the rental agreement with Rebel Company to rent Roberts Park on May 13, 2023 for the Rebel Company Market at a cost of \$1,500.00
 - C. Approve the requested rezoning of parcel 28-12-3-25-2049-000, 150 North Miller Road from its current B-3 (Business Corridor) zoning to B-1 (Office and Neighborhood Business District) zoning.
 - D. Approve Resolution 23-03 regarding the agreement with MDOT for the maintenance and operation of an on-premise sign at the Thomas Township Nature Center.
 - E. Approve the purchase of Hurst Gen 3 Cutter Unit (extrication equipment) from Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$13,000 by the Fire Department.
 - F. Authorize the Township Attorney to file a complaint with the Division of Child Welfare Licensing and the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the numerous calls for Police support from Holy Cross Children's Services (HCCS).
10. Reports

A. Supervisor	D. Manager	H. Fire Dept.
B. Clerk	E. Community Development	I. Police Dept.
C. Treasurer	F. DPW	J. Parks & Recreation
	G. Finance	K. Board Members
11. Executive Session
 - A. None
12. Adjournment

5. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by Sommers to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Township Board minutes from the regular meeting on 01/09/2023 and the Special Board meeting minutes of 01/23/2023.

 - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$6,933,953.85

Clearing Fund	\$2,869.60
General Fund	167,573.57
Public Safety-Fire Department	30,914.18
Fire Apparatus	546.64
Public Safety-Police Department	14,680.35
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	0.00
Downtown Development Authority	1,440.54
Revolving Road Fund	0.00
Sewer Fund	420,608.92
Water Fund	268,213.65
Municipal Refuse	76,172.23
Technology Fund	0.00
Tax	5,950,934.17
 - C. Approved the extension of Tyler Sharp, DPW Laborer's probationary period until May 2023.
 - D. Approved the appointment of Jeremy Wagner as alternate to the Board of Review for a term of 02/06/2023-01/01/2025.
 - E. Approved the hiring of Gregory Vanherweg as part-time Electrical Inspector contingent upon passing all pre-employment requirements.
 - F. Accepted the resignation of Jack Linehan from the Fire Department.
 - G. Approved the hiring of Ryan DeLong as probationary, full-time First Responder for the Fire Department.
 - H. Approved the amendments to Personnel Policy #901; Paid Time Off.
 - I. Accepted the resignation of Jerri Sierocki as DPW Secretary.

- J. Accepted the resignation of Becca Collison as Code Enforcement Officer/ Planning/Assistant.
- 6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
 - A. Mark Piotrowski of 12300 Whisper Ridge, newly elected County Commissioner, introduced himself to the Board, offering his assistance to the Township if it is ever needed. Susan Wilson of Holy Cross, St. Vincent Home, 1030 N. River Road, spoke regarding the on-going calls for Police support from Thomas Township.
- 7. Public Hearing
 - A. None.
- 8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
- 9. New Business
 - A. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Monahan to table the approval of Text Amendment 23-G-01 regarding outdoor storage of refuse containers requesting it go back to the Planning Commission for further options on storage. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by Sommers to approve the rental agreement with Rebel Company to rent Roberts Park on May 13, 2023 at a cost of \$1500.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by McDonald to approve the requested rezoning of parcel 28-12-3-25-2049-000, 150 North Miller Road from its current B-3 (Business Corridor) zoning to B-1 (Office and Neighborhood Business District. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt to approve Resolution 23-03 regarding the agreement with MDOT for the maintenance and operation of an On-premise sign at the Thomas Township Nature Center. Roll call.
Ayes: Weise, McDonald, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt
Nays: None
Absent: Thayer
Abstain: None
Resolution was adopted.
 - E. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by DeLine to approve the purchase of a Hurst Gen 3 Cutter Unit (extrication equipment) from Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$13,000. Motion carried unanimously.
 - F. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by Sommers to table authorizing the Township Attorney to file a complaint with the Division of Child Welfare Licensing and the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the numerous calls for Police support from Holy Cross Childrens Services (HCCS) until the request for an extension to remain in the Township can be reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Report of Officers and Staff:
 - A. Supervisor's Report – None
 - B. Clerk's Report –None.
 - C. Treasurer's Report – None.
 - D. Manager's Report –None.
 - E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Report; it was noted that 17 plots have been applied for in the Community Garden.
 - G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report.

- H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report; ISO audit will take place in two weeks.
- I. Receive and file the Police Department Report; the Police recruits are doing well.
- J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report.
- K. Board Member Reports – None
- 11. Executive Session:
 - A. None
- 12. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Thayer, Clerk

Dated