



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
January 9, 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, Thayer, Sommers, DeLine, McDonald, Monahan
ABSENT:

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

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

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Amended Agenda

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January 9, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the December 5, 2022, Regular Board Minutes.
 - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - C. Approval of the Township Board Standing Committees.
 - D. Approve the amendments to Personnel Policy #1103; Meals.
 - E. Approve the amendments to Personnel Policy #1105; Other Travel Expenses.
 - F. Approve the amendments to Personnel Policy #1107; Travel Vouchers.
 - G. Approve proposed Administrative Policy #703; Nature Center/Preserve Gift Policy.
 - H. Approve the amendments to Administrative Policy #421; Purchasing and Bidding Policy.
 - I. Approve the amendments to Administrative Policy #900; Poverty Exemption Policy.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments

It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. Hear public comments for a request from Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation (HSC) 12334 Geddes Road, Hemlock, MI 48626 for an Industrial Facility Tax Exemption (IFT) in the amount of \$99,490,000 of Real Property, for a period of thirteen (13) years.

8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
9. New Business
 - A. Award the 2023 Landscaping contract to Dobis Landscaping in the amount of \$95,958.00
 - B. Approve authorization to acquire the Natural Resources Damage Assessment Funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
 - C. Award the interior electrical bid for the Thomas Township Nature Center to PowerComm in the amount of \$22,900.
 - D. Award the flooring bid for the Thomas Township Nature Center to Pinnacle Design in the amount of \$23,300.75
 - E. Award the purchase and installation of windows and doors at the Thomas Township Nature Center to Wolgast Corporation in the amount of \$62,500.
 - F. Approve Change Order #2 for additional quantities of pipeline and valves for the pump station #4 project.
 - G. Approve the 2023 Saginaw Future Agreement.
 - H. Approve the proposal from Spicer Group for the land surveying, civil design and storm water management for the proposed Township Administration Building and Fire Department addition.
 - I. Approve the recommendation to increase the Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) fee to \$2,000/REU.
5. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. Approval of Township Board minutes from the regular meeting on 12/05/2022.
 - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$3,066,253.30

Clearing Fund	\$2,649.60
General Fund	402,875.61
Public Safety-Fire Department	35,469.78
Fire Apparatus	4,662.38
Public Safety-Police Department	16,281.23
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	0.00
Downtown Development Authority	606.94
Revolving Road Fund	346,510.65
Sewer Fund	296,746.95
Water Fund	271,557.84
Municipal Refuse	72,253.62
Technology Fund	0.00
Tax	1,616,638.70
 - C. Approved the Township Board Standing Committees.
 - D. Approved the amendments to Personnel Policy #1103; Meals.
 - E. Approved the amendments to Personnel Policy #1105; Other Travel Expenses .
 - F. Approved the amendments to Personnel Policy #1107; Travel Vouchers.
 - G. Approved the proposed Administrative Policy #703; Nature Center/Preserve Gift Policy.
 - H. Approved the amendments to Administrative Policy #421; Purchasing and Bidding Policy.
 - I. Approved the amendments to Administrative Policy #900; Poverty Exemption Policy.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
 - A. None.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. A hearing to receive citizen comments on a request from Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation (HSC) for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption in the amount of \$99,490,000 of Real Property for thirteen years was opened at 7:01 p.m. Comments were heard from Mr. Phil Dembowski of HSC who's address is 6101

Briarwood and Ms. JoAnn Crary of Saginaw Future, 515 N. Washington Avenue.
The hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
9. New Business
 - A. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Monahan to approve the 2023 Landscaping contract with Dobis Landscaping in the amount of \$95,958.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine to approve the authorization to acquire the Natural Resources Damage Assessment Funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Monahan to award the interior electrical bid for the Thomas Township Nature Center to PowerComm in the amount of \$22,900. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Monahan to award the flooring bid for the Thomas Township Nature Center to Pinnacle Design in the amount of \$23,300.75. Motion carried unanimously.
 - E. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Sommers to award the purchase and installation of windows and doors at the Thomas Township Nature Center to Wolgast Corporation in the amount of \$62,500. Motion carried unanimously.
 - F. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by McDonald to approve Change Order #2 for additional quantities of pipeline and valves for the pump station #4 project. Motion carried unanimously.
 - G. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Monahan to approve the 2023 Saginaw Future Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
 - H. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by McDonald to approve the proposal from Spicer Group for the land surveying, civil design and storm water management for the proposed Township Administration building and Fire Department addition. Motion carried unanimously.
 - I. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Deline to approve the recommendation to increase the Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) fee to \$2000/REU. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Report of Officers and Staff:
 - A. Supervisor's Report – None
 - B. Clerk's Report –The Manager evaluation forms have been distributed. Please return to my inbox or email.
 - C. Treasurer's Report – None.
 - D. Manager's Report –Thank you to Lynda Thayer for all of her work on the Nature Center bids.
 - E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Report.
 - G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report.
 - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report; just an F.Y.I the Lucas Compression machine has been utilized four times since it was demonstrated at the December meeting.
 - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report; has had a meeting with Holy Cross and they are trying to come to an agreement.
 - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report.
 - K. Board Member Reports – Sommers commented on the appreciation for the Fire Department making AED's readily available. McDonald expressed that the

updates on social media regarding Parks activities were a good thing in keeping community interest in activities.

11. Executive Session:
 - A. None
12. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Thayer, Clerk

Dated