



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
March 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, Thayer
ABSENT: Monahan

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Russ Taylor; Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director, Deidre Frollo; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; 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 Thayer, 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 February 6, 2023, Regular Board Minutes.
 - B. Approve the February 13, 2023, Special Board Minutes.
 - C. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - D. Approve the hiring of Meghan Prinz as probationary, part-time DPW Secretary contingent upon passing all pre-employment requirements.
 - E. Approve the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Edward Brosowski to the Compensation Committee for a term of 03/06/23-9/30/28.
 - F. Accept the resignation of Mick Lounsbury from the Fire Department.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
 - A. **It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.**
7. Public Hearing
 - A. Receive comments pertaining to the proposed 2023/2023 fiscal year budget.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. 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).
 - B. Approve Text Amendment 23-G-01 regarding storage of refuse containers.
9. New Business
 - A. Approve Resolution 23-04, the annual Appropriations Resolution for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.

- B. Approve amended Appropriations Resolution to balance the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget.
 - C. Approve Resolution 23-05, to implement the 2023/2024 Fees Resolution.
 - D. Award the bid of \$46,500 to Monk's Tree Service for tree removal at the Nature Center/Preserve.
 - E. Award the bid of \$15,551 to Wobig Construction for paint, drywall and miscellaneous construction at the Nature Center/Preserve.
 - F. Approve the recordable Declaration and Notice for the Michigan Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund pursuant to the grant project agreement 26-01829 for the Nature Center, executed on June 10, 2020.
 - G. Approve Resolution 23-02 for the application of a 2023 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant through the Michigan DNR.
 10. Reports
 - A. Supervisor
 - B. Clerk
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Manager
 - E. Community Development
 - F. DPW
 - G. Finance
 - H. Fire Dept.
 - I. Police Dept.
 - J. Parks & Recreation
 - K. Board Members
 11. Executive Session
 - A. None
 12. Adjournment
5. It was moved by Witt, seconded by McDonald to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the February 6, 2023 regular meeting.
 - B. Approval of the Board Minutes from the February 13, 2023 special meeting.
 - C. Expenditures consisting of: \$4,874,023.64

Clearing Fund	\$2,869.60
General Fund	94,027.37
Public Safety-Fire Department	18,940.79
Fire Apparatus	0.00
Public Safety-Police Department	22,298.76
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	0.00
Downtown Development Authority	235.48
Revolving Road Fund	0.00
Sewer Fund	102,409.67
Water Fund	281,895.87
Municipal Refuse	62,187.63
Technology Fund	1,555.16
Tax	4,287,606.31
 - D. Approved the hiring of Meghan Prinz as probationary, part-time DPW Secretary contingent upon passing all pre-employment requirements.
 - E. Approved the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Edward Brosowski to the Compensation Committee for a term of 03/06/2023-09/30/28.
 - F. Accepted the resignation of Mick Lounsbury from the Fire Department.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
- A. Holly Foy of 7150 London spoke of her concerns with the Holy Cross Children's Services operation and children leaving the facilities property. Debra Meyer of 7230 London also expressed her concerns with the children leaving the facility and breaking into homes etc. Sherry Robar of 650 Gillette read a letter from the resident at 580 Gillette expressing their fears over incidents that took place with children who had ran from the facility and confronted him on his property. Ms. Robar also expressed her own fears and having automatic locks on her doors because of her fear they will enter her home.

7. Public Hearing
 - A. The Public Hearing to receive comments pertaining to the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget was opened at 7:10 p.m. and closed at 7:11 p.m. with no public comment.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by DeLine to approve holding the State complaint in abeyance and to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with HCCS as to closure of the facility by April 30, 2024.
 - B. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by DeLine to approve text amendment 23-G-01 regarding the storage of refuse containers prior to collection.
9. New Business
 - A. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Thayer to approve Resolution 23-04, the annual Appropriations Resolution. Roll call.
Ayes: Weise, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, DeLine, Witt
Nays: None
Absent: Monahan
Abstain: None
Resolution was adopted.
 - B. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Sommers to approve the amended Appropriations Resolution to balance the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt to approve Resolution 23-05 to implement the 2023/2024 Fee Schedules. Roll call.
Ayes: Witt, Weise, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, DeLine
Nays: None
Absent: Monahan
Abstain: None
Resolution was adopted.
 - D. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by DeLine to award the bid of \$46,500 to Monk's Tree Service for tree removal at the Nature Center/Preserve. Motion carried unanimously.
 - E. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by DeLine to award the bid of \$15,551 to Wobig Construction for paint, drywall and miscellaneous construction at the Nature Center/Preserve. Motion carried unanimously.
 - F. It was moved by Witt, seconded by McDonald to approve the recordable Declaration and Notice for the Michigan Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund pursuant to the grant project agreement 26-01829 for the Nature Center/Preserve. Motion carried unanimously.
 - G. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by Sommers to approve resolution 23-02 for the application for a 2023 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant through the Michigan DNR. Roll call.
Ayes: DeLine, Witt, Weise, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers
Nays: None
Absent: Monahan
Abstained: None
10. Report of Officers and Staff:
 - A. Supervisor's Report – None
 - B. Clerk's Report –there are only two businesses that need to renew their Business License for 2023.
 - C. Treasurer's Report – a huge 'thank you' to our wonderful employees.
 - D. Manager's Report –Jill Peters, the Assessor, has resigned. It may be a challenge to find a replacement.

- E. Receive and file Community Development Reports. Andrew Bicigo, the new Code Enforcement Officer/Planing Assistant was introduced.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Report.
 - G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report. Tax season is all wrapped up And Allie is set to settle with the county on Tuesday.
 - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report. Ryan DeLong, a new full-time Fire Fighter, was introduced. Also, the “Change your clock, change your battery” promotion is being changed. Something different is being planned for Spring/Summer. More of a “door to door” type of promotion regarding smoke detectors. Also, the Township received another \$20,000 of the funds from FEMA for the 2020 flood. About \$13,000 remains due.
 - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report. There were 29 calls to HCCS in February. Recruits continue to do well and graduation will take place in May.
 - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Adjuster and Building Inspector were out to access the damage to the pool house roof. Because of the custom-made trusses, Spicer Engineering has been called in as well.
 - K. Board Member Reports – Sommers asked where the bids for the sewer project at HSC stood. Taylor provided and update for the Board.
11. Executive Session:
- A. None
12. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by Witt to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Thayer, Clerk

Dated