



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

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Russ Taylor; Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director, Deidre Frollo; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; Community Development Director, Dan Sika; DPW Director, Rick Hopper; Assistant DPW Director, Trevor Schultz; Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Nature Center Coordinator, Lynda Thayer; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Interim Police Chief, Eric Cowles; Otto Brandt; Township Attorney and several interested parties.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Sommers, seconded by DeLine, to approve the agenda as presented.

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November 6, 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 October 2, 2023, Regular Board Minutes.
 - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - C. Accept the resignation of Rob Jeter from the Fire Department.
 - D. Approve the hiring of Austin Kraszewski as probationary, full time first responder/ fire fighter.
 - E. Approve the promotion of Sonya Coleman to regular part-time Fire Administrative Assistant.
 - F. Acknowledge and accept the retirement of Rick Hopper as DPW Director.
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. Tracey Slodowski, Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, will present a Certificate of Recognition to the Thomas Township Board and Lynda Thayer.
 - B. Approve the 2022/2023 Audit.
 - C. Approve Resolution 23-21 placing 45 acres of parcel 28-12-3-36-2001-005, owned by Stafford Trinklein, Jr. into PA 116 for 15 years.

- D. Approve Resolution 23-22, establishing the dates, times, and place for the 2024 Township Board Meetings.
 - E. Approve the Easement for Consumers Energy Company to install the electrical connection at 355 North Miller Road.
 - F. Approve the Purchase Agreement of \$7,500 for a portion of 6750 Gratiot and \$2,300 for the Environmental Study by AKT Peerless.
 - G. Approve Christopher Patterson, attorney as special counsel for the Township.
 - H. Approve addendum to the Three Party Agreement with Hemlock Semiconductor and Saginaw Township.
 - I. Approve the additional cost of \$12,186.00 for the retaining wall for the sidewalk project from North Miller to Thunderbird along State Road.
 - J. Approve Resolution 23-23 to adopt the Saginaw County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - K. Approve Resolution 23-24 to accept the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA) Budget Apportionment.
 - L. Approve Resolution 23-25 appointing the Thomas Township Trustee and Alternate Trustee to the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA).
 - M. Approve the rezoning request by Terri Strobel for parcel 28-12-3-28-4006-000; also known as 420 S. Thomas Road from the current B-3 (Corridor Business District) to B-1 (Office and Neighborhood Business District).
 - N. Approve the rezoning request by Terri Strobel for parcel 28-12-3-28-4006-002; also known as 10060 Evans from the current B-3 (Corridor Business District) to B-1 (Office and Neighborhood Business District).
 - O. Approve the rezoning request by Geoffrey & Linda Emede for parcel 28-12-3-35-2001-004; also known as 8671 O'Hern Road, from it's current A-1 (Primary Agriculture and Conservation Development District) to R-1 (Residential, One-Family, Low Density District).
 - P. Approve the Co-op Agreement for NRDA Supplemental Funds.
10. Reports

A. Supervisor	E. Community Development	I. Police Dept.
B. Clerk	F. DPW	J. Parks & Recreation
C. Treasurer	G. Finance	K. Nature Center
D. Manager	H. Fire Dept.	L. Board Members
 11. Executive Session
 - A. None
 12. Adjournment
5. Motion was made by Thayer, seconded by DeLine, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the October 2, 2023 regular meeting.
 - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$4,672,505.71

Clearing Fund	\$6,259.20
General Fund	\$751,226.12
Public Safety-Fire Department	\$23,606.64
Fire Apparatus	\$412,646.76
Public Safety-Police Department	\$40,697.41
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Downtown Development Authority	\$7,880.89
Revolving Road Fund	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$57,996.90
Sewer Improvements Grant Fund	\$2,609,745.05
Water Fund	\$360,329.45
Municipal Refuse	\$153,137.55
Technology Fund	\$9,265.78
Tax	\$237,713.96
 - C. Approved the resignation of Rob Jeter from the Fire Department.
 - D. Approved the hiring of Austin Kraszewski as probationary, full time first responder/fire fighter.
 - E. Approved the promotion of Sonya Coleman to regular part-time Fire Administrative Assistant.
 - F. Acknowledged and accepted the retirement of Rick Hopper as DPW Director.

6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
 - A. None.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. None.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
9. New Business
 - A. Accepted the Certificate of Recognition as presented by Tracy Sladowski of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners in recognition of the Thomas Township Board and Lynda Thayer for the Nature Center & Preserve.
 - B. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Monahan to approve the 2022/2023 Audit. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt, to approve Resolution 23-21 placing 45 acres of parcel 28-12-3-36-2001-005 into PA 116 for 15 years as requested by the owner, Stafford Trinklein, Jr.
Roll Call:
Ayes: DeLine, Witt, Weise, Thayer, Sommers, Monahan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: McDonald
Resolution was adopted.
 - D. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by Thayer, to approve Resolution 23-22 establishing the dates, times, and place for the 2024 Township Board meetings.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Monahan, DeLine, Witt, Weise, Thayer, Sommers
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: McDonald
Resolution was adopted.
 - E. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by Witt, to approve the easement for Consumers Energy Company to install the electrical connection at 355 North Miller Road. Motion carried unanimously.
 - F. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by Witt, to approve the Purchase Agreement of \$7,500.00 for a portion of 6750 Gratiot Road and \$2,300.00 for the Environmental Study by AKT Peerless. Motion carried unanimously.
 - G. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Sommers, to approve the use of Christopher Patterson as special counsel for the Township. Motion carried unanimously.
 - H. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by Witt to approve the addendum to the Three Party Agreement with Hemlock Semiconductor and Saginaw Township contingent upon written approval from the State. Motion carried unanimously.
 - I. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Thayer to approve the additional cost of \$12,186.00 for the retaining wall for the sidewalk project along State Road between North Miller and Thunderbird. Motion carried unanimously.
 - J. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt, to approve Resolution 23-23 to adopt the Saginaw County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, Weise, Thayer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McDonald

Resolution was adopted.

- K. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by DeLine, to approve Resolution 23-24 to accept the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority Budget Apportionment.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, Weise

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McDonald

Resolution was adopted.

- L. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Sommers to approve Resolution 23-25 appointing the Thomas Township Trustee and Alternate Trustee to the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, Weise

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McDonald

Resolution was adopted.

- M. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt, to approve the rezoning request by Dale & Terri Stroebe for parcel 28-12-3-28-4006-000; also known as 420 South Thomas Road, from the current B-3 (Corridor Business District) to B-1 (Office and Neighborhood Business District). Motion carried unanimously.

- N. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine, to approve the rezoning request by Dale & Terri Stroebe for parcel 28-12-3-28-4006-002; also known as 10060 Evans, from the current B-3 (Corridor Business District) to B-1 (Office and Neighborhood Business District). Motion carried unanimously.

- O. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine, to approve the rezoning request by Geoffrey & Linda Emede for parcel 28-12-3-35-2001-004; also known as 8671 O'Hern Road, from the current A-1 (Primary Agriculture and Conservation Development District) to R-1 (Residential, One-Family, Low Density District). Motion carried unanimously.

- P. It was moved by Witt, seconded by DeLine, to approve the Cooperative Agreement for NRDA Supplemental Funds.

10. Report of Officers and Staff:

A. Supervisor's Report – None

B. Clerk's Report –None

C. Treasurer's Report – Thanks to the Parks Department on their hard work on the Haunted Train Ride.

D. Manager's Report – A check has been received from Dow for the Wallace Road repaving. Work on the MOB and FSOA is moving along. FSOA still is to be completed by January 1st. If you're interested in a tour, let Mike or myself know. Thank you to Deidre for another great audit (22 years in a row).

E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.

F. Receive and file the DPW Report; Christmas lights will be going up tomorrow with help from the Kiwanis and Swan Valley High School students. Santa mail will be ready to go at the end of this week or early next week.

- G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report. Winter tax bills will be out to everyone on December 1st.
 - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report. Fire will be using a new software program upcoming so reports will look a little different.
 - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report. Operation Safe Delivery will start tomorrow for residents. Introduction of new Police Officer, Lupe Olivarez was made.
 - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Thanks to all the Haunted Train volunteers. Gearing up for Winter Wonderland and after that winter sports programs will be starting.
 - K. Receive and file the Nature Center report. A big thank you to everyone who helped get this up and running.
 - L. Board Member Reports – None
11. Executive Session:
- A. None
12. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Sommers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Thayer, Clerk

Dated