

Waverly Township Regular Board Meeting

42114 M-43 Hwy., Paw Paw, MI, 49079

January 5, 2023

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bob Reits who also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of the Board: Bob Reits, Supervisor; Starr Houston, Clerk; Linda Bloom, Treasurer; Tom Fleetwood, Trustee; Harold Schuitmaker, Attorney; Lori Reits, Recording Secretary. Absent: Tony Millek, Trustee.
3. Sheriff Report: Dispatch reports have been emailed to the clerk and are available to view in the office. Nothing of note occurred since the last meeting.
4. Agenda: Additions, Corrections, Approval: Add c. to Supervisor's report-meeting with citizens and growers. Motion made by Fleetwood to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Houston. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. Minutes from December 1, 2022, meeting for approval: Section 8, paragraph c should read Paw Paw Township Senior Center. Motion made by Fleetwood to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Reits. All in favor. Motion carries.
6. Supervisor: Comments/Report:
 - a. Podium, meeting rules, new agenda topics: Public comments will be held at the end of the meeting to facilitate the board being able to conduct business part of meeting. All those desiring to comment will be required to step to the podium, state their name and address and state their comments. Comments will be restricted to new topics only and must be completed within 5 minutes.
 - b. Fire Board meeting: Reits attended the board meeting in place of Tony Millek. The main topic was the proposed budget. The total budget will increase by approximately 10% to account for increased fuel costs and other operating fees. The new building is not complete as the contractors are behind. They must be out of the old building by February first, so they may be offering tours for the community soon. Copy of the budget shared with the board members and may be viewed by the public in the clerk's office. Motion made by Reits to approve the fire department budget; Seconded by Bloom. Reits, yes;

Houston, yes; Bloom, yes; Fleetwood, yes; Millek, absent. Motion carries. Budget approved.

- c. Meeting with residents and marijuana growers will be Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the Township Hall.
 - d. New building update: new building at a standstill due to weather. Cement will not be poured until Spring. Meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2023, with Sheriff to plan next steps. Reits has approached Van Buren Emergency Medical Services (VBEMS) as to having an ambulance stationed in the new building as well. Will be seeking bids for the next phase of the building to include electric, plumbing, etc.
7. Clerk Starr Houston: Comments/Report: Bills as shown on handout. Total for the month of December 2022, was \$57506.47. Motion made by Houston and seconded by Reits to pay the bills as listed. Reits, yes; Houston, yes; Bloom, yes; Fleetwood, yes; Millek, absent. Motion carries.
 8. Treasurer Linda Bloom: Comments/Report: Tax payments are coming in in a timely fashion. Several residents have also caught up on Summer taxes as well.
 9. Trustee Tom Fleetwood: Comments/Report: No Planning and Zoning meeting in December. Next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023, 7 PM.
 10. Trustee Tony Millek: Comments/Report. Not in attendance.
 11. Attorney Report:
 - a. Jawish is working with the Zoning Administrator to bring property into compliance.
 - b. Senior Center Agreement (see handout): Motion made by Fleetwood and seconded by Bloom to accept the proposal as written. Reits, yes; Houston, yes; Bloom, yes; Fleetwood, yes. Agreement approved.
 - c. Marihunana Ordinances. Lengthy discussion about number of retail establishments as Reits thought the township had opted out of having those. Medical Use and Recreational Use ordinances compared. Page 6, part c. regarding loss of permits if money has not been paid. This will decrease the number of permits available in the township. Discussion had as to whether the township can make it so that all the permit fees be due on the same date, such as April first. Settled upon April 30. If April 30 is less than 12 months from the original date, they would be due, it will be prorated for the first year. There would also be a 20-day grace period for payments. If the ordinance is passed

it would take effect 30 days after publication. The current moratorium expires December 31, 2023. Verbiage will be included to make permit limitations for outdoor grow operations only. Some discussion had about postponing a vote on the ordinances to see if further changes were needed. Ultimately it was decided to vote on it with the caveat that it can be amended as needed. Adult Use Ordinance: Nothing substantially different from the Medical Use Ordinance. Will change the number of processors to 5.

Motion to approve the Medical Use Ordinance with the previously listed changes made by Bloom, seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, no; Houston, yes; Bloom, yes; Fleetwood, yes; Millek, absent. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the Adult Use Ordinance with the previously listed changes made by Fleetwood, seconded by Houston. Reits, no; Houston, yes; Bloom, yes; Fleetwood, yes; Millek, absent. Motion carries.

Ordinances may be reviewed in the office of the Clerk. Length prohibits attaching it to the minutes.

- d. Crane Farms has not paid their permit fee by 12/31/22. Will be addressed at the meeting in February.

12.Unfinished Business: none

13.New Business: none

14.Public Comments: Concerns that Trustee Fleetwood should abstain from any votes on marijuana as he has made money from the new businesses and has relatives that may be interested in opening a provisioning center. Concerns about whether the grow facilities have been inspected and by whom: yes, by Tasha Smalley. Wonders if Cornelius Farms are recycling spent marijuana plants and are they licensed. The grower that had been using them was asked to choose a different business to recycle the plants and he stopped using Cornelius Farms. Wonders if there will be a firetruck in the new building. Reits indicated that it had been offered to the surrounding fire departments and no one has expressed interest.

15.Board Comment s: none

16.Adjournment: Reits adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.