

Waverly Township Regular Board Meeting

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

February 2, 2023

1. Call to Order-Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor Reits who also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of the Board: Bob Reits, Supervisor; Starr Houston, Clerk; Tom Fleetwood, Trustee. Absent: Tony Millek, Trustee; Linda Bloom, Treasurer.
3. Sheriff Report: Dispatch reports emailed to Clerk and are available in the township office. Nothing of note. No new information on the fire at Lucky Girl.
4. Agenda: Additions, Corrections, Approval. Trustee Fleetwood believes that items 14 and 15 should be rearranged so that the Public Comments come after the Board has concluded its business. Also, Crane Farms should be added to the New Business section of the agenda. Motion made by Fleetwood and seconded to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned changes and addition. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. Minutes from January 5, 2023, Meeting for Approval. Section 11 c. Should read “number of growers” and not “number of processors.”. Rearrange number 14 and 15 as previously discussed. Motion made by Fleetwood to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Reits. All in favor. Motion carries.
6. Supervisor: Comments/Reports.
  - a. ]Building Progress. Continue to be at standstill waiting for weather to improve. Waiting for doors and concrete. VBEMS is now interested in possibly using one of the bays for ambulance staging. Working on getting bids for electric and plumbing for next phase.
  - b. Update on Town hall meeting with growers. New information received about odor mitigation and growers will continue to investigate the cost and feasibility. Good meeting with many good questions and topics. Lots of mutual respect. Next meeting has not been scheduled yet.
  - c. Board of Review appointments. The Supervisor requested Mark Smith, Jenna Bowers and Ray Tattersal be appointed to the Board of Review. They will be attending the mandatory educational sessions. Township is paying for that. Motion made by Houston to reappoint these members of the Board of Review; Seconded by Fleetwood. All in favor. Motion carries. Motion made for Township to fund the mandatory education for the Board of Review; Seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, yes; Fleetwood, yes; Houston, yes. Motion carries.
  - d. Poverty Exemption Resolution: See handouts that explain the state guidelines. Motion made by Reits to use the state guidelines for Poverty Exemption; Seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, yes; Fleetwood, yes; Houston, yes. Guidelines are available in the Clerk’s office upon request.

7. Clerk Starr Houston: Comments/Reports.
  - a. Financial Report from December. There was an error in the list of bills to be paid which has been resolved. That amount had been paid in November and accidentally carried over to December.
  - b. Financial Report for January 2023. Motion made by Houston to pay the bills as listed; Seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, yes; Houston, yes; Fleetwood, yes. Motion carries.
  - c. Approval for checks to: Maple Lake Builders for \$66, 251.00 as the last installment for the first phase of building. Van Buren County Road Commission for gravel for 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. \$8,784.15. Paw Paw Township Senior Center for January 1, 2023, to January 15, 2023, for \$125.45. Motion made by Houston to authorize these payments; Seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, yes; Houston, yes; Fleetwood, yes. Motion carries.
  - d. There will be school elections in May this year for Bloomingdale and Bangor Schools. It will be May2, 2023. Clerk has not seen the official ballot at the time of this meeting.
8. Treasurer Linda Bloom: Comments/ Reports: Treasurer not present.
9. Trustee Tom Fleetwood: Comments/ Reports.
  - a. Planning and Zoning Commission will be reviewing the Master Plan. It is a lengthy process, and all residents are welcome to add their input.
10. Trustee Tony Millek: Comments/Reports: Not present. Fire Board meeting will be next week and Trustee Fleetwood will be attending it in Millek's absence.
11. Attorney Report
  - a. Reaffirmation of moratorium. With the publication of the new ordinances, reaffirmation of the moratorium for marihuana establishments is needed to avoid confusion. Ordinances are being published one at a time due to the length so the 30 day effective date is not up as of the time of this meeting. Motion made to accept the reaffirmation of the moratorium by Houston; Seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, yes; Fleetwood, yes; Houston, yes. Motion carries.
  - b. Renewal applications for marihuana permits. See handout. Would like funds to come to the township hall. Some changes will be made. Motion made by Fleetwood and seconded by Houston to table the issue until the March meeting. All in favor. Motion carries.
12. Unfinished Business: Crane Farms. They still owe their application fees. Will wait until the March meeting to take final action with them.
13. New Business: Looking for bids for electrical for new building. If anyone knows someone who may be interested in the job, please refer them to Trustee Fleetwood or Maple Lake Builders.
14. Board Comments: none

15. Public Comments:

- a. There is a question about correcting the ordinances: do they need to specify outdoor grow operations vs. indoor grow operations. Definition of microbusiness is not complete in the adult use ordinance. Section 4 I transfer of businesses. Concern that there have been break-ins at local dispensaries recently. County wing plows are causing the destruction of shoulders of the roads. When were the bids for the building opened and chosen. Why are you seeking more bids for the electrical than you did for the building.

16. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.