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**Waverly Township Hall  
Regular Board Meeting  
42114 M-43 Hwy., Paw Paw, MI 49079  
March 2, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Trustee Tony Millek called the meeting of Waverly Township to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Introduction of Officers:** The Board Members introduced themselves: Trustee Tom Fleetwood, Treasurer Linda Bloom, Tony Millek and Clerk Starr Houston were present. Supervisor Bob Reits was absent.
3. **Sheriff Report:** Sheriff Dan Abbott and a deputy were in attendance, and provided us with a detailed written activity report, and Abbott touched on the highlights for the month.
4. **Agenda- Additions, Corrections, Approval:** Millek made a motion to approve the agenda. Houston seconded. All were in favor, and the motion passed.
5. **February 22, 2023 Minutes:** Millek motioned to approved the minutes as presented. Fleetwood seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried.
6. **Supervisor: Comments/Reports:**
  - a. Approval for Sexton Mike Makowski Contract April-October 2023 for \$8,183.00. Bloom motioned to accept and pay, and Houston seconded. Roll call vote: Bloom Yes, Fleetwood Yes, Millek Yes, Houston Yes; All were in favor and motion carried.
  - b. Approval for checking authorization at Honor Credit Union for Starr Houston and Susan Blower, in addition to Linda Bloom. Millek motioned to accept, Houston seconded. Roll call vote: Bloom Yes, Fleetwood Yes, Millek Yes, Houston Yes; All were in favor, and motion carried.
7. **Clerk Starr Houston: Comments/Report:**
  - a. Financial Report for February 2023. Houston motioned to accept and Millek seconded. Roll call vote: Bloom Yes, Fleetwood Yes, Millek Yes, Houston Yes; All in favor, and motion carried.
  - b. Board of Review Appeal Hearings March 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. & 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Houston motioned to accept and Millek seconded. All in favor, and motion carried.
8. **Treasurer Linda Bloom: Comments/Report:**
  - a. 2022 Tax Season concluded Tuesday, 2/28/23. We had a pretty good turnout for residents paying at the office that day.
  - b. Clerk Houston asked Treasurer Bloom to make notice in the Summer and Winter newsletters in larger letters that if taxes are not paid by 2/28/24, they will be considered delinquent and must be paid to Van Buren County, with late fees/interest accruing from the last date for payment in Summer of 9/14/24, and last day for Winter payment of 2/28/24
9. **Trustee Tom Fleetwood: Comments/Report**
  - a. Planning & Zoning- No meeting last month, next meeting is Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
  - b. Fleetwood attended the Fire Board meeting, and told us about the new building. New traffic lights have been installed in Paw Paw to give fire trucks the right of way when the alarms go off. The county wants a new pumper truck, so they are getting quotes, and will be ready in 18-24 months.
10. **Trustee Tony Millek: Comments/Report:**
  - a. Roads- Millek told us about Volunteer Fireman Quillen, who was electrocuted and died last week while cleaning up from the ice storm. Jack Brown said that if the Township donated \$500, he and his wife Jill would give \$500 as well. It was stated that we cannot give donations directly to a person, but that we could donate to the Fire Department, and earmark the donation to go to Quillen's

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family. Fleetwood motioned that we donate \$1,000, to be taken from the Marihuana Special Funds Account. Millek seconded, Roll call vote: Bloom Yes, Fleetwood Yes, Millek Yes, Houston Yes; All were in favor, and the motion carried.

## **11. Attorney Report:**

- a. Resolution to approve New Marijuana Permit Applications. Starr said she will mail renewals of the permits by March 15, 2023. Renewal applications will be pro-rated. Houston motioned to accept the form. Bloom seconded. All were in favor, and motion carried
- b. Harold discussed an e-mail asking the township to support their proposed ROBIN Grant Award for broadband. Harold will contact them to get more information for the township. Fleetwood motioned to give the township permission to support them. Houston seconded, all were in favor, and the motioned carried.

## **12. Unfinished Business:**

- 13. Crane Farms:** Attorney Harold Schuitmaker explained that Crane Farms has not paid their license fees, so they cannot re-apply and will no longer be considered a grower in Waverly Township. No new outdoor grows are allowed.
  - a. **New Business:** Harold will talk to Zoning Administrator Tasha Smalley about people on 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue getting building permits.
  - b. Fleetwood discussed the money the State distributed for dispensaries in during 2022, and that he still believes it would be a good move for the township to allow them.
  - c. The wedding venue was brought up, but no real decisions were made.

## **14. Board Comments:** n/a

- 15. Public Comments:** Jack Brown stated that Strobel Farms is processing outdoors, and it is not supposed to be allowed.

- 16. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by Trustee Millek.