

Waverly Township
Regular Board Meeting
42114 M43 Hwy., Paw Paw, MI
May 4, 2023

1. **Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance**-meeting called to order by Supervisor Reits at 7:04 PM. Fay for shared some information about George Washington and the origin of the National Day of Prayer. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introduction of the Board**- Bob Reits, Supervisor; Starr Houston, Clerk; Tom Fleetwood, Trustee; Lori Reits, Recording Secretary; Harold Schuitmaker, Attorney. Absent: Tony Millek, Trustee; Linda Bloom, Treasurer.
3. **Agenda**-Additions, Corrections, Approval. Motion made by Fleetwood to approve agenda as published. Seconded by Houston. All in favor; Motion carried.
4. **New Business/Sheriff Report**- Sheriff Deputy Dan Rowse. Chase family has concerns regarding the Adult Foster Care Home (True Blue) on 38th Ave. Their house has been broken into 3 times now. The last break-in was the most severe with about \$1700 damages. Non-verbal autistic man destroyed their kitchen and they lost most of the food items both in the cupboards and the refrigerator. He also went into their bedroom and bathroom. He has a habit of licking everything he touches and then lines the items up on the floor. The owners of the AFC have been reluctant to return their calls. There are concerns for both the Chase family as well as the individual that does the break-ins. It seems as if there are also a couple of individuals who walk to the Glendale Grocery/Marathon Station daily. They have no real concern for their own safety. Attorney referred the group to his report: see attached. He advises that Chases contact LARA which is the regulatory agency for AFC homes. Prosecutor can review the police report and see if there is anything that they could prosecute. He also recommends that Chases contact Adult Protective Services regarding the individuals walking down the streets. The last step would be to retain an attorney and sue the owners of the house. The Sheriff Deputy will do research on the number of incidents and take that to the next meeting.
5. **Supervisor: comments/reports.**

- a. **Adult Foster Care Home issues-** see above.
 - b. **New Furnace-**seeking bids to replace the furnace in the township hall. This one is 25 years old and needs service frequently. It has been suggested by repair people that it be replaced.
6. **Minutes from April 6, 2023, meeting-** Changes to 6b. Change “don” to “do” and delete the final phrase “And tires.” Motion made by Fleetwood to approve the minutes with the indicated changes. Seconded by Houston. All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Clerk Starr Houston-Comments/ reports**
 - a. **Financial Report for April 2023.** See attached. Vendor checks totaled \$79012.68. Taxes to state and Federal totaled \$2161.57 for a total of \$81174.25. \$70491,17 from the General Fund and 13,087.50 from the Special Fund. Motion made by Houston to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, yes, Houston, yes, Fleetwood, yes. Motion carried.
 - b. Marijuana applications for 2023 permits have been received. Tasha has done her inspections. Motion made by Reits to accept the applications and renew the licenses; seconded by Fleetwood. Reits, yes; Houston, yes; Fleetwood, yes. Motion carried.
8. **Treasurer Linda Bloom-Comments/ Reports.** Not present.
9. **Trustee Tom Fleetwood-Comments/ Reports. Planning and Zoning had** an additional meeting in April. Members were sent home to review the Master Plan. May need to hire a professional zoning consultant to make some of the changes. Unsure how much that may cost. Planning and Zoning will be meeting Monday night at 7 PM.
10. **Fireboard meeting-**Reits attended the meeting in place of Millek. Open house for the new building will be on May 26 from 9-2. New pumper was ordered for the price of \$855K. They have the funds in the back. Delivery will be about 2 years from now. MIOSHA is inspecting the department following the death of Lt. Quillen. They have encountered issues fighting fires where electric vehicles are involved. Often, they stand by and watch as water would cause an explosion. Working with the Village on cost of water bill and questioning the \$600 monthly start-up charge.
11. **Trustee Tony Millek-** not present.
12. **Attorney Report-** see discussion earlier about the AFC home. June will have Truth in Taxation Hearing. More information will be available next month. Blight on 41st. St. Neighbor is having survey done and whatever falls

on his property will be eliminated. Then he plans to erect a fence. This is the property involved in the dog bite incident.

- 13. Unfinished Business-**May 2 election had 15 walk-in voters and the remainder were Absent Voter ballots for a total of 62 voters. The election workers were great and worked together well.
- 14. New Business-**Outdoor drying. Jack Brown. There had been a meeting with him, Supervisor Reits, Attorney and Dave from Strobel Farms where they said that they would be finished with the outdoor drying by April 23, but they were still working April 26. They started drying at the end of March and finished April 26. Planning and Zoning had given them until May 10. He believes that none of these was followed. Lengthy discussion about how the odor affects his maple syrup. Has any local testing been done? No. Some CO2 cylinders had been used on Marijuana farms and then recycled. They were sent to bars, and they made the beer smell and taste like marijuana. Adam states that apparently did not understand the agreement and may have made an error. Attorney suggests that during the Summer Jack and Dave from Strobel meet and agree on dates.
- 15. Board Comments-** none
- 16. Public Comments-** Brad from Grasshopper states that the growers are looking into using Canabuster to decrease the odor. It would be about a \$125K investment and profits are down. They have been attempting to sell a tin with 4 or 5 “joints” in it from different strains. The State will currently not allow that without a Processor License. With the moratorium on would Board consider a case-by-case exception to do this. Would not change how they are doing business but would rather be a change in wording and provide them with the required State paperwork. Questions from the audience about whether this would change anything as far as growing, increase in smell. Does the ordinance have anything to say about this? Will discuss with Planning and Zoning as well for their input. Do we need to end the moratorium and go by ordinances only. Joshua, who is a resident in Vauxhill states that their neighbor is operating his noisy machinery again. None of the residents feel comfortable entering into any meetings with him to resolve the issue. Would the Township consider representing them in this. Also, dump trucks have been entering and leaving the property as well. Attorney will investigate this situation.
- 17. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.