**Wayland Township Board Meeting - Minutes**

**September 5, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanVolkinburg at 6:29 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Treasurer Kamyszek.

Roll Call showed all members present – VanVolkinburg, McInerney, Kamyszek, Miner & Stein

Approval of the August 7, regular board meeting and tonight’s agenda was made by Trustee Miner and support from Kamyszek. Motion carried. Both items were approved.

***Public Hearing –*** Selkirk Lake Aquatic Weed Control – Special Assessment Roll for 2024 – VanVolkinburg & Kamyszek discussed – Resolution under new business following public hearing. Following the presentation and discussion, Clerk McInerney made a motion to confirm the roll, support came from Stein. Motion carried; new business area will allow for Resolution motion.

**Audience (1st):** Jill Dunham – County Project Manager for Broadband, gave a lengthy report discussing various grants and time lines.

L2L discuss with Board change in charge for event were not in attendance and McInerney will contact them for the October meeting.

Mike Jones, 2661 Seymour Drive asked about the Cartwright property. Discussed he had until 9/15/23 to clean up themselves, demolishing the home. If not completed on 9/16/23 PCI will obtain quotes for the township

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Mark DeYoung was not in attendance.

**Planning Commission** – Matt Miner- reported that at the recent meeting they voted 4-3 to support the Sandy Ridge SUP Development. Questions on groundwater availability and other items will be addressed by the entities who cover the items. PCI administratively approved a request from Michigan Aluminum on 10th Street. At the 9/13 meeting a public hearing will be held for a text amendment regarding solar and a family request.

**Sheriff/Deputy Report** –August numbers have not yet arrived, and Deputy was not in attendance. A new replacement deputy will start in late October.

**Cemetery Report** – Micah Kuhtic – Trimming put into rotation and being done. Foundation pouring continues. East Elmwood expansion will begin with water. McInerney – Pontem OBS available – announcement/publication needs to be completed.

**WAEMS Report** – Kamyszek, Board representative stated meeting will be in September on 9/13.

**Unfinished Business** – Alan Burd in attendance to discuss request regarding property clean up. Has not followed through with the agreement made with PCI and VanVolkinburg. The current balance from previous clean up by Wayland Township $136,284.17 does not include the $1,297.17 attorney/court charges for garnishment, etc. following 2018 lien arrangements. Also does not include the current charges from PCI, attorneys, etc. to this new blight problem.

Mr. Burd discussed his request for an extension due to illness between himself and wife. After reminding him that Castello from PCI and VanVolkinburg’s trips to review property and not seeing improvement as agreed upon for over two months, etc. A friend of Mr. Burd also was in attendance and said he would be willing to help. It was decided that Mr. Burd would have one month, until October 5, 2023, to make his property at 456 Gregorville Road clean and clear. If this does not happen, Castello will be given the task of having a contractor clean up the property and Burd will again be responsible for costs.

PCI – Castello moving forward with citations, and companies/deputies for clean ups.

Approve 2022-2023 Audit as presented by Kathy Sheldon on 8/7/2023. Miner made a motion to approve the audit as presented on 8/7, Kamyszek supported the motion; all voted yes, motion carried. McInerney will contact Sheldon regarding approval.

Fire Department Contract with City – Following information from both Township Auditor and Attorney; VanVolkinburg discussed with City Manager. The City Finance Director will provide the budgets requested. VanVolkinburg and Fire Chief, Jim Stoddard will meet with Egleston soon.

EV=Early Voting – McInerney reported we are “Going alone” there are grants County is to submit for municipalities. New tabulator and EPB for the 9 days/8 hours a day voting McInerney is attending many meetings regarding this new law. Election Inspectors will be contacted so a schedule can be created for this period.

**Versiti Blood Drive** – Kamyszek report from August 31, blood drive: 22 units were collected at the August 31 blood drive, similar to the first one in June. Next Blood Drive at Wayland Township will be held October 26 and then December 28, 2023.

Millage discussions – Recycling-Kamyszek shared some 34 units of which 13 do not participate. Anyone who participates charges $50/annually for every other week pick up.. Roads & Safety –McInerney received information requested from Seeber and VanVolkinburg asked for information from Atwood, ACRC Director.

**New Business** - **Resolution Concerning Selkirk Lake R-11-2023 –** Aquatic Weed Control – Special Assessment Roll for 2024 as discussed at the Public Hearing above. Motion made by Miner with support from Kamyszek. All voted yes, motion carried.

**Ordinance No. O-04-2023 – Township to permanently appoint members to the Township Construction Board of Appeals**; and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith. Discussed new ordinance would be 3 members and 1 alternate. Also discussed adding a fee to this request. Will be added to the fee schedule information. Motion made by McInerney with support from Miner. All voted yes, motion carried. McInerney will have published September 14, and the effective date will be September 15, 2023.

Little Library Update @ Allegan County Park – VanVolkinburg asked for help placing the little library back up. Stein will help him. McInerney has the books to place when ‘library’ is reinstalled.

McInerney shared that the land purchase at 1180 128th Avenue (Water/Sewer site purchase) was paid off early.

**Approval and Review of bills** –Bills needing board approval, balance sheet – McInerney. Kamyszek made a motion to approve the bills as presented with support from Stein. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

**Communication** – 123.Net – Metro Act Permit Application and $500 check coming per discussion with Greg Babinski and email to Amanda Griffith. (See Jill Dunham above)

McInerney sent a letter of support to Henika Library Director for a grant that would allow an addition to HDL.

Charter Communications Updates

**Audience (second):**  Marcia Walters, 2578 Seymour Drive appreciated that presently the township allows residents to opt out of recycling as many residents of Selkirk Lake cannot get recycling due to roads not drivable for Republic the recycling company.

Bill Muth, 2666 Seymour Drive asked about the Cartwright situation and was happy to hear the house was to be demolished not just cleaned up.

**Board Comments** – **Miner** – asked about the Williams & Works billing. McInerney will print that off and get them paid. Part of the RV Park process. Mentioned the wash out areas of the new Gregorville Road. VanVolkinburg will investigate this. Miner also asked about the cost of Republic refuse costs. McInerney will request quotes from Farmers and Arrowaste, and if they pick up from all the Cemetery areas.

**McInerney** – change the October 2, meeting to October 9, or have Kamyszek take the minutes for McInerney as she volunteered. Discussed. October meeting will be changed to October 9. McInerney will publish, etc.

**Stein, Kamyszek, VanVolkinburg** - nothing

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. with a motion from VanVolkinburg and support from Miner.

Ann McInerney, Clerk

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