

**Watertown Township Board Meeting  
September 11, 2019**

Worvie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Nelson, Pyles, Thatcher, Worvie, & Schlosser were present. Fire Chief Herington, Zoning Admin Sparks, Commissioner Jensen and twenty-one (21) guests also attended.

Pyles read the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes. With no objections or corrections, Worvie instructed that the minutes would stand approved.

**Ordinance 47:** Pyles read the updated Marihuana Establishments "Opt Out" Ordinance 47. In a Roll call vote Thatcher Aye; Nelson Aye; Schlosser Aye; Worvie Aye; and Pyles Aye. Motion passed.

**Trick or Treat** Hours have been set for Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The Fire whistle will sound at the beginning and at the end.

**Fire Report** Herington reported on 5 runs in August, 1 accident, 1 full assist, 1 CPR call that was canceled, 1 wire down which ended up being a speed sign not a down wire, and 1 smoke alarm which was only work being done by the alarm company. After hose testing the department will have to get 400 foot of hose, they will also have to get smaller sections of the smaller hoses. October 6<sup>th</sup> the fire dept. will work with Buckwild on their car show. Herington stated instead of doing cider and doughnuts at the post office this year for Halloween they will do it at the hall so they can host a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Herington will be sending both Dustin Butler and Mike Daminani to class in October. Justin Blackmer and Vinny Daminani have both been dismissed on good terms due to changes in jobs and/or residency.

**Zoning Report:** Sparks reported on the free variance meeting. He also stated he had a hoop building going up on North Lake road for one year while the resident works on their barns. He also issued a permit for an addition on Castle Rd.

**Blight** Pyles reported since the last meeting she had 5 new cases, 1 extension issued and 4 cases that came into compliance and were closed.

**Library Report:** Pyles reported that the binding machine has been purchased and as soon as copies are made they can assemble their book from history night. Library will host their 4<sup>th</sup> annual craft show on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Library had 65 patrons.

**Treasurer's Report:** Schlosser presented the treasurer's report with the following balances on 08/31/2019:

General Fund	\$ 85,475.83
Library Account	979.99
Fire Dept. Reserve Fund	63,984.23
Trust & Agency	171.97
Tax Collections	64,994.17
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>	
#63529	\$10,033.49
#63530	18,223.57
#60726	24,760.53
#63781	5,022.04
#63690	10,002.12

Pyles motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Schlosser stated with the deadline for property taxes coming up she will hold hours from 9-5 on both Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Schlosser will take a training class in Marquette on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Schlosser then reported on a letter from the county treasurer. With the changes to house bill 4055, public act 288 you can no longer do a land division if you have delinquent taxes. If your taxes are current the county will give you a certification, for the fee of \$5, which must have for a land division.

**Supervisor Report:** Worvie brought up the issue with puddling in front of 9646 Boucher Rd. Pyles made a motion to have the Tuscola County Road Commission do spot gravel on Boucher Rd. Motion seconded by Schlosser. Motion passed. Worvie then discussed his meeting with the TCRC and a few residents on Brown Rd. The issues come from flooding and ditching needing to be done. The township would have to pay a fee of \$11,000 for the issue to be looked at and the rough estimate of the ditching would be between \$60,000 and 70,000 for a stretch of 0.4 of a mile. Nelson stated that this problem is all over not just Brown rd. and she doesn't see it feasible to spend that kind of money. Pyles stated they didn't even have that much left for the year in the road budget. Thatcher and Schlosser agreed that it wouldn't be possible at this time. Worvie then made a motion due to the recent circumstances with the Planning Commission that instead of replacing Valentine and Burns we reduce the number of members from 7 to 5. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Worvie then stated he is taking bids for the townships legal counsel.

**Trustee Thatcher:** Thatcher filled the board in on the status of getting bids for the flooring in the hall and signs for the front of the building. With Thatcher's previous workings with Mott College she is working with them on getting students to make the signs.

**Clerk's Report:** Pyles submitted the September vouchers as follows: General Fund \$12,345.66 with the addition of Consumers and Charter when they come in, Library Fund \$ 1,842.30, Fire Fund at \$1,673.53. Nelson motioned to approve the vouchers and have checks drawn on the same. Motion seconded by Schlosser. Motion carried. Pyles reported that she did contact the TCRC about the speed limit sign on Boucher Rd, and the county put an electronic speed sign by the store and not by the area needed. She asked Worvie to contact the TCRC. Pyles brought up that a resident had asked about a gate at the boat launch and she stated before the board could discuss it any further she was waiting to hear back from the insurance company to see if it is able to be done. Pyles made a motion to hire a Tuscola County Sheriff 2 days a week for 8 hour shifts, at different times of the day and different days of the week, providing we can get weekly reports on their activity, from now until the January 2020 meeting, opting out if it doesn't seem to work at any time. Schlosser seconded the motion. Roll call vote Nelson Aye; Schlosser Aye; Thatcher Aye; Worvie Aye and Pyles Aye. Motion carried. Pyles made a motion to take the check of 39,180.65 for the property sale and put \$15,000 in the general fund to cover the police protection and put the remaining 24,180.65 into a 36 month CD. Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pyles then stated that both the tire trailer grant and the broadband grant have been submitted and

accepted for review. Pyles contacted 10 Point Towing about the no parking signs addressed at last month's meeting and they had no record of any conversation. Pyles then stated the library and the clerk's office will be closed on November 5<sup>th</sup> due to the recall election in Vassar Township that she has been asked to work. Pyles made a motion to renew the wind & solar moratoriums for 3 months. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board set up the date of December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to work on the ordinance book. Pyles then gave a status in the invasive species in the lake at north lake. Pyles would like the township to pay the bill of 1500 the first year and 1100 for 2 years after to treat the lake. She doesn't feel that taxing just North Lake residents is fair because the lake is for everyone in the township. Audience members weighed in. Worvie stated the lake is a public lake and houses should have never been built on the lake in the first place. With some other questions the board has tabled the issue until October.

Schlosser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded motion. Motion carried.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Minutes prepared by: Malisa Pyles, Clerk

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Frank Worvie, Township Supervisor

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