

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

Worvie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pyles, Worvie and Nelson, attended. Schlosser and Thatcher were absent. Zoning Admin Sparks, Fire Chief Herington and eighteen (18) guests also attended.

Volunteer of the Year Recognition The board recognized Rick Pyles, Dustin Butler and Boyd Vollweiler for their volunteer work in the community in 2019.

Pyles read the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Worvie instructed that the minutes would stand approved as read with one name change

Pyles read the December 5th, 2019 ordinance workshop minutes. Worvie instructed that the minutes would stand approved as read.

Mark Valentine Valentine stated an issue he had with a \$50.00 fire assessment added to a building that he had never been taxed for before because this was not a dwelling. He went through years of minutes to see where this was brought to the board and approved and couldn't find anything. Worvie stated it had not ever come before the board and should not have been added. Pyles then took this time to speak of a \$50.00 assessment that was added to Carl Block for a building that no longer stands on behalf of Schlosser. Worvie made a motion to reverse the charge of \$50.00 off both Block and Valentines bill. Pyles seconded the motion. Motion carried. Valentine stated he had already paid his taxes so the \$50.00 could be donated to the fire department for toys.

Fire Report Herington reported on 1 run, an attic fire. Herington then spoke of Shop with a Hero. He was assigned to a young man named Noah Isler who took his \$100 shopping and paid it forward to a friend that wasn't going to have a good Christmas. He spent all the money he was awarded on another child for Christmas. Watertown was the only department at shop with a hero with a truck so Tuscola County kids were able to look at and get in our truck, Herington and 5 of his firefighters attended. Herington then reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade on Friday the 13th of December.

Zoning Report Sparks reported on 1 accessory building going up in town.

Blight Report Pyles reported on 1 ticket written, 9 new cases, 2 violations written, and 6 extensions issued. 4 cases came into compliance and were closed.

Library Report Pyles reported that the library had 51 patrons in November. She discussed an upcoming event in February that Buckwild was hoping to host to raise money for the library.

Treasurer's Report: Pyles presented the treasurer's report with the following balances on 11/30/2019:

General Fund	\$ 127,875.93
Library Account	1,351.48
Fire Dept. Reserve Fund	55,575.00
Trust & Agency	171.97
Tax Collections	13,332.00
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>	
#60729	10,039.74
#63530	18,269.04
#63526	24,797.58
#63781	5,035.35
#63690	10,008.42
#63770	24,208.94

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

Supervisor Report Worvie reported he would like to get quotes on patching Boucher Rd, board approved for him to obtain the quotes. Worvie stated after the blight report he would like to move forward with the garbage assessment, he feels it would help with blight. Worvie then reminded everyone if you aren't happy with the way things are going locally, or at the county to please remember that when you vote.

Clerk's Report: Pyles submitted the December vouchers as follows: General Fund \$11,431.33 with the addition of Charter and Consumers when received; Library Fund \$1,889.67 Fire Fund \$2257.51. Worvie motioned to approve the vouchers and have checks drawn on the same, seconded by Pyles. Motion carried. Pyles then discussed bids for LED lighting throughout the hall; Worvie stated that DTE should be called to see if they would provide the bulbs for free, Worvie stated he would donate some of the bulbs to keep costs down. Pyles set Dump Day for 18th 2020 from 8am to 2pm. Pyles then discussed the success of having the Tuscola County Sheriff's patrolling the area. Because of the later start than we originally thought she would like to extend the agreement until the end of the budget year, March 31st 2020. Worvie made a motion to extend the agreement with the Tuscola County Sheriff's office until the end of the budget year or we reach the cap we previously set. Pyles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment Mrs Quinn asked if she donated toys if they would stay local or go to toys for tots. Herington stated he would work on setting up local toys for tots. Mark Valentine asked about doing a ham bingo in the spring and Herington said it was in the works.

Worvie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pyles seconded motion. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Malisa Pyles, Township Clerk

Frank Worvie, Supervisor

Date

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