

UNAPPROVED

REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE WEARE TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Larry Doran, Supervisor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Doran, Supervisor; Linda Dykema, Treasurer;
Debra Gustafson, Clerk; Andy Patterson & Gary Hilbert, Trustees.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jill VanDerZanden, Robert & Sharon Powers, Judy Lauber, Ron Christians, Kevin Stevenson, Bob & Lori Green, Tom McGuire, Byron & Julia Miller, Jeremy Arndt, and Andrew Clark.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call showed everyone was present.

Moved by Mr. Patterson and supported by Mr. Hilbert to approve the August, 2021 minutes with spelling correction, Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Hilbert and supported by Mr. Patterson to approve the agenda with the addition of the Brownfield Authority to old business by Mr Doran, and the Fall Dump day dumpsters to new business by Mr Hilbert. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Treasurer reported \$210,331.41 in the General Fund Checking.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brownfield Authority.

Mr Doran has not received enough information to recommend or not recommend, he would like to see how it works in a county, it is a tool. But he is not sold on it yet. We can opt in at any time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BIKE RACE

The board reviewed the map and insurance document and all agreed that there is no issue with having them run in our township. It is a short distance thru our township they have done previous years.

*Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Ms Dykema.
Voice Vote.
Motion Carried.*

2. MASTER PLAN

Final approval to accept the resolution (resolution was read by Mr Doran). Thank you to the planning commission.

*Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Ms Gustafson
Yay: Dykema, Patterson, Hilbert, Gustafson, Doran
Nays: None
All in favor.
Motion Carried.*

3. ELECTION SUPPLIES

Ms Gustafson brought a list of ballot containers to replace our outdated ones. She stated the recommendations from the county clerks office: 2 test ballot bags @ 17\$ each, 3 Ballot Storage bags @ 20\$ each, and 2 Medium Ballot Storage containers @ 55\$ each.

Motion made by Ms Dykema and supported by Mr Patterson

Yay: Hilbert, Dykema, Doran, Patterson, Gustafson

Nay:

Motion Carried.

4. ROAD BOND

Mr Doran has been doing research on a road bond to fix our roads. Discussion was had to look into this further.

5. DUMPSTERS FOR DUMP DAY

Mr Hilbert brought to the boards attention that dump day is coming up the 1st Saturday in October. Mr Doran said he would contact the dumpster company, and Mr Hilbert will contact Ken Adams about compacting. Mr Doran asked if anyone else would be able to donate they're time on Dump day.

Motion made by Ms Gustafson and supported by Ms Dykema

Yay: Hilbert, Dykema, Doran, Patterson, Gustafson

Nay:

Motion Carried.

6. PAY BILLS

Discussion was had to eliminate the phone line at the township hall.

Motion made by Mr Patterson and supported by Mr Hilbert to eliminate the phone line.

Yay: Hilbert, Dykema, Doran, Patterson, Gustafson

Nay:

Motion Carried.

Pay the Ludington Lock & Key Bill

Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Mr Patterson to Pay this bill.

Yay: Hilbert, Dykema, Doran, Patterson, Gustafson

Nay:

Motion Carried.

Checks totaling \$58,637.54. Check # 12187-12217/1016.

Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Ms Dykema and Mr Patterson

Yay: Hilbert, Dykema, Doran, Patterson, Gustafson

Nay:

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Bike Race info.

Shelby asked to opt in on they're ORV ordinance; under comparison its basically the same with the addition of some roads that are in their township.

Pentwater meadows sent a letter about the grass encroaching on their road and causing cracks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Lauber wanted to complain about her road, there are 2 really bad spots north of her property and people are basically going off the road to avoid them. Also there is a lot of extra traffic with the construction on Pere Marquette Highway.

Ms Green would like to commend our zoning administrator for going over and above with information and documentation for their properties. He spent a lot of time going over information and answering questions for them.

Mr Green thinks that reading the minutes is a tradition we should continue.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr Clark wrote 5 permits 1 for a Commercial use in section 19. I to replace a Mobile home in section 11, 1 for a pole barn in section 18, 1 residential permit in section 1, and a home remodel in section 29.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Doran brought up that he attends other meetings and the previous months minutes are not read, and asked for the boards comments. He stated the minutes are on the website and can be viewed by the public. Mr Patterson thinks that it is a level of transparency and tradition, and is favor of reading them. Mr Hilbert said he is fine either way and we are here for the public so its up to them, and maybe they will share during public comment. Ms Dykema said yes we get copies but it is up to the public. Ms Gustafson is neutral.

Mr Hilbert thinks we could shorten or condense some of the minutes.

Ms Dykema stated she got a packet of information from the Greens about the SET Tax reimbursement. The board agreed the treasurer get the extra. She stated this is not a bonus this is for time worked from July 1st until February 28th.

Ms Gustafson wanted Mr Patterson and Mr Doran to think about if they were opting in or out of the John Hancock Pension so she could turn the paperwork in whichever way they decide.

Ms Gustafson brought up the planning commission minutes, a suggestion was made to ask previous planning commission members to see if anyone has personal copies. A list of previous members was discussed. The Greens said the last they saw of them Dale had them, and Mr Doran stated he did not have them.

Mr Doran was asked about brining 3 times, and yes we can do that, we just have to look into that next year.

Mr Doran continues to ask the road commission about their future plans of Washington Rd, they are not sharing those yet.

Mr Doran has spent the majority of his time looking for solutions for the roads, he welcomes suggestions.

Ms Gustafson stated there is a short meeting on Thursday for the Truth and Taxation hearing for the road milage.

Mr Doran said he needed more time to look into the letter he received on Friday evening, he has not had enough time to look into it. Addressed as: Open Letter to Weare Township Board of Trustees.

*Moved by Mr Hilbert, supported by Mr Patterson to adjourn.
Motion Carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Debra Gustafson, Clerk