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**TOWNSHIP OF WOODHULL**

7315 Beard Rd, Perry MI 48872

Shiawassee County, MI

May 5, 2021

**Opening**

The monthly meeting of the Woodhull Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2021 at Woodhull Twp Hall by Supervisor Slee.

**Roll Call**

Supervisor Slee, Clerk Winans, Treasurer Galilei, Trustee Jelenek and Trustee Betts present.

**Delegation or Visitors:** County Commissioner John Plowman gave updates on Covid in Shiawassee County, road improvements and Shiawassee County Jail garden. The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers came up with \$23,000.00 in contributions towards the 60x40 permanent recycling structure. They are still in need of \$35,000.00 for a total contribution need of \$140,000.00. This new drive thru structure will be maintained by a volunteer staff like the previous 20+ years. There is a Go Fund Me for donations at [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) under Greater Laingsburg Recyclers. Greater Laingsburg Recyclers are on Facebook also.

**Recommended Actions:**

- a. **Approval of Agenda** – Supervisor Slee moved and supported by Trustee Jelenek to approve the agenda with change of decision item e. being moved after agenda approval... All Ayes. Motion carried.
- b. **(Decision Item E) Fireworks Application** – Trustee Betts moved and supported by Supervisor Slee to approve the Night Magic Fireworks Application. Roll call taken. Slee, yes; Betts, yes; Jelenek, yes; Winans, yes; Galilei, yes. Motion carried.
- c. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2021** – Clerk Winans moved and supported by Trustee Betts to approve the April 7, 2021 monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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### Board Comments and Reports:

- a. **Treasurer Galilei** - Financial Report: Galilei reported financial update for the end of the month of April 2021, General Savings \$349,099.86, General Checking \$295,633.34, Tax Account \$1,002.31, Park Savings \$5,086.97, Cemetery Fund \$71,261.78, CD's totaling \$221,670.65, Fire Building \$5,000.00 all totaling \$948,754.91. Subject to audit.
- b. **Clerk Winans** - Clerk Winans updated public and board on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act), the federal department will be releasing more information on how the monies may be spent. Winans presented the board with a cost analysis of 2 types of direct deposit banking options along with auditor comments.
- c. **Supervisor Slee** – Supervisor Slee presented report on the Looking Glass Drain meeting, 1 more year of being assessed with another year till project complete.
- d. **Trustee Jelenek** – Trustee Jelenek read a prepared statement (attached).

### Committee Reports:

**Fire & Ambulance:** Presented by Rick Betts for the month of March 2021. Woodhull Twp had 29 Ambulance, LSW 2021 ambulance total 58. Woodhull TWP had 59 Fire, LSW 2021 fire total 139.

**Park Commission:** Presented by Cathy Provines: Park is open. Playground equipment, benches, bleached received a thorough cleaning. New set of bleachers for the west ballfield have been ordered. Ballgames have started. Shaftsbury Park has a new Facebook page.

**Planning Commission:** No Report.

**Freedom of Information Act Monthly Report:** Supervisor Slee gave report on FOIA's for the month of April. Discussion held on report being inconclusive to FOIA policy. Questions regarding the Pope FOIA's. Slee motions to have Trustee Jelenek be the FOIA Coordinator. No second. Trustee Jelenek motions request to have a special meeting with Attorney. No second.

**Public Comments:** None

### Decision Items:

- a. **Bills:** The payroll for the month of May totaled \$11,524.99 using check #'s 27489 thru 27506. The May bills in the amount of \$13,153.71 using checks #'s 27507 thru 27520. Trustee Betts moved and Trustee Jelenek supported to pay the May bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Galilei, yes; Slee, yes; Betts, yes; Jelenek, yes; Winans, yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Magnet Contribution:** Supervisor Slee cancelled decision item after information brought forth on statute legalities.
- c. **Horizon CD Renewal:** Supervisor Slee moved and supported by Trustee Jelenek to renew the CD Certificate XXXXXX5454 renewal balance of \$106,202.37 with next renewal May 4, 2022. Discussion held on renewing in tiers.
- d. **Office Space Exchange:** Tabled till June meeting.
- e. **Fireworks Application:** Under Recommended Actions.

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- f. **Fire Insurance Payment Stipulation:** Trustee Betts moved and seconded by Trustee Jelenek to approve the Fire Insurance Payment Stipulation of checks made to Woodhull then payments sent to contractor. Roll call vote was taken. Slee, yes; Betts, yes; Jelenek, yes; Winans, yes; Galilei, yes. Motion carried.
- g. **Resolution additions for Assessor:** Winans moved and supported by Jelenek to approve the additions to the Assessor Resolution. Roll call vote taken. Galilei, yes; Jelenek, yes; Betts, yes; Slee, yes; Winans, yes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Treasurer Newsletter will have corrections made and delivered for printing. Township Public Message Board sign to be added to June meeting.

**Public Comments:** Call to Public was opened at 9:16 p.m. and closed at 9:19 p.m. Public brought forth questions on CD's penalty costs and reinvesting.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Slee called for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Sandy Winans, Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

May 5, 2021

Residents of Woodhull Township:

The Clerk raised an issue based on the possession of a private email sent by the Township Supervisor, Pam Slee, to a local resident of the Township, from her home computer. The Supervisor asked to see it. Neither the Supervisor or the Clerk acknowledge the contents of the email, but a vigorous rebuke, by the Clerk, as to its purpose and its fallacious and slanderous content, ensued at the end of the meeting. I did not inquire as to how it came to the Clerk, but it has entered the public realm. I will let you determine its intention and purpose and its factual integrity.

An individual attending the April 7, 2021 meeting has asked for its content to be disclosed. In keeping with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), this is a legal and legitimate request, because it was discussed at the Board meeting. I have attached a copy to satisfy the request pursuant to the OMA, and to circumvent the anticipated FOIA request for this information. It is a distressing email on many levels but, I believe it violates our Board approved "Harassment Policy." I don't know how else to interpret its purpose. I have attached the portion of the policy for your personal review and discernment, documenting my opinion.

In conclusion, this email is disappointing, distressing, and discouraging and violates social and ethical standards and soils the personal reputation of Board members. I am of the opinion, supported by fact, this email diminishes the integrity of the office of Supervisor. Furthermore, it is a poor reflection of the character and the mission outlined by our association essential to Township leadership. The obligations of the office must be supported by responsible civic and socially acceptable practices and behavior to ensure effective and efficient support for the community it serves. The attachment is 180 degrees out of phase from what I think we all expect and desire in our Township. The twisted rendition, in the attachment, of a sympathetic and heartfelt outreach to a past employee for the loss of a family member is despicable. It can be construed as a malicious distortion of a compassionate act carrying nefarious intent. It is an example and a reminder of the present reality this Board must contend with weekly. The content of this email is a tipping point for me. It is difficult to have confidence in the office of Township Supervisor. I apologize to my constituents, but trust is a valuable asset which is earned and is easily lost.

Respectfully,



Tom Jelenek, Woodhull Township Trustee

# **WOODHULL TOWNSHIP**

## **HARASSMENT POLICY**

### **1. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT**

**This Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer and prohibits discrimination and harassment of all kinds. Specifically, the Township will not tolerate harassment or discrimination on the basis of any lawfully protected characteristic which includes race, color, sex, religion, height, weight, national origin, marital or familial status, disability or veteran status.**

### **2. HARASSMENT**

**This Township strives to maintain a pleasant working environment free from intimidation, humiliation and insult. The Township expects that all officials and employees will treat each other and residents with courtesy, dignity and respect.**

#### **2. a. DEFINITION**

**Harassment is defined as verbal or physical conduct or communication that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, disability, citizenship, protected activity or any other characteristic protected by law, and that**

- has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment;**
- has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance, or**
- otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities**

**Harassment conduct includes, but is not limited to: epithets, slurs or negative stereotyping; threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; denigrating jokes; and written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group.**

**Subject** ^\_Hidden^\_^\_Camera^\_  
**From** psleecow@aol.com <psleecow@aol.com>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date** Jan 26, 2020 at 1:27 PM

When Lynnette, the custodian, was cleaning Sandys office she discovered a hidden camera . I called the township attorney and reported it but have heard nothing back. It is not legal. MTA says it can be done with board approval. None was given, at least in a meeting of the board.

At the Jan meeting just four days after burying her daughter Sandy made a big stink about Lynette not doing her job. Sandy has been complaining about this for months. Not that she has not been cleaning but that she has not filled "check lists" with what renters are not cleaning after using the hall. I really lost it. I told them how Lynnette made sure the hall was cleaned after being rented just a day after her daughter died and then again just two days after her funeral. They did not even care. Just said "it's her job"

Then after the meeting they piled the tables instead of putting them back on the rack. Chairs were not put back correctly, the floor was left filthy. The person that sets up for the Jamboree called and let me know. He could not get into the room where the music equipment is kept because of how the tables were piled. When I asked Kay about it, she said "it's her job" to clean up.

Maggie took the trash with old rotted food from their office and put it in the copy room trash basket overflowing it on the floor. My deputy was there and cleaned it up. The dumpster is just outside the door.

We knew they were not nice but this is beyond just not being nice.

Kay, Sandy, and Maggie snuck in before visitation hour at the funeral home and made sure they were the first to sign the "guest" book. It really upset Lynnette. Jelinek and Betts names were on it but it looked like Kays hand writing. One of them a note in Lynnette's' mail slot on a piece of paper saying "sorry for your loss" with a w2 that Sandy says MUST be filled out once a year by everyone. Which is not true. They need to be filled out again if a change of deductions are changed.

It just goes on and on. Can't wait to see what Sandy brings up next.