

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Cox called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL: John Cox, Supervisor; Mandy Lake, Clerk; Joan Dalman, Treasurer; Trustees James Spencer and Jerry Niemi; Mabel Wanink, Deputy Clerk; and three township residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to approve the Agenda as presented with one addition under Correspondence. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the minutes of the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting of November 1, 2016 as presented. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, to approve the bills and payroll as presented for payment. A ROLL CALL vote showed all members present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: No report for the November meeting. The Wakefield Township Board representative to the GRWA will be discussed during New Business.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Visit from an assistant to Senator Peters offered help and letters of support for anything needed for Economic Development.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: NEWSLETTER – sent out to around 140 residents and quite a few positive responses were received. WEBSITE—Likes the upgrade and thinks that it's worth the money and is easy to use.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$61,188.12 on November 1, 2016, with Receipts of \$4,339.35, and Expenses of \$36,273.63, and Payroll of \$4,280.15, leaving an ending balance of \$24,973.69 on November 30, 2016. Balance Sheet for November 2016 was also included. A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and place it on file. Motion Carried.
5. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: The property that had a house destroyed by fire last year is now being discussed with the Township Attorney on how to proceed.
6. GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WASTE: The GRSWA Board approved the Wakefield Township Collection Agreement, if awarded. The audit will be presented at the December meeting.
7. TRAILS MEETING: Trails are ready for snowmobiling. A good job was done on the Jack Frost Parade float.
8. SECTION 32 REPORT: No meeting this month.

## CORRESPONDENCE

GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & ROAD COMMISSION – minutes. MTA Legislative – ‘lame duck’ session and teacher pensions. MDEQ PERMIT—Cooperwood site. VA COUNCIL—Minutes given to Spencer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. CITY OF WAKEFIELD CONTRACTS—the meeting between the City Council and Township Board was discussed. It was proposed that an extra \$600 payment be made to the City for the 2016-2017 year, along with the 2017-2018 year, rather than a flat percentage increase, as was done in the past. Roll Call vote showed all members present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. AWARD GARBAGE CONTRACT (RATE INCREASE TO RESIDENTS)--The garbage collection service and contract were discussed, along with the proposed amount of \$10/month to be charged to township residents. The GRSWA submitted the lowest bid of \$14.35/month, Spring Clean-up included, starting April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020. A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, to award the Garbage Contract to the GRSWA. Roll Call vote showed all members present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
3. APPOINT BOARDS—the following were suggested to fill empty positions on the following boards: BOR—Mike Heikkila, GRWA—Jerry Niemi, Section 32—Jerry Niemi. A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to appoint the mentioned persons to those boards. Roll Call vote showed all members present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
4. ROAD PROJECTS—N. County Rd. 519 upgrade possibilities and suggestions. City of Wakefield to also participate.
5. TIRE GRANT—Supervisor Cox has discussed a joint spring clean-up, along with a tire clean-up, with Wakefield City Manager Richard Brackney. Each entity would be responsible for their portion of the regular spring clean-up, but a Tire Grant is being applied for by the Township and the City to help fund the Tire clean-up efforts. The tire clean-up/spring clean-up would be held at Western U.P. Recycling, as done in the past.
6. DISCUSS LAWN MOWING, ATTORNEY, AUDIT CONTRACTS—The Auditor and Attorney contracts don't need to be bid out and the Township is pleased with both. Delmar Smith has agreed to mow the Township Hall Lawn for one more year at his current rate.
7. CLOSED SESSION (MCLA 15.268 Section8c)(MCLA 15.243 Section13f)-trade secrets or commercial and financial information voluntarily provided to an agency for use in developing governmental policy—A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to move into Closed Session. Roll Call vote showed all members present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
8. OPEN SESSION—A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to move into Open Session. Roll Call vote showed all members present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. Next regular meeting – Tuesday, January 3, 2017 5:30 p.m.
2. MTA meeting – December 13, 2016 @ Caribou Lodge, Ironwood, MI 5:30 p.m.
3. BOARD OF REVIEW – Tuesday, December 13, 2016 5 p.m. for errors and omissions
4. PLANNING COMMISSION will meet third Wednesday of each quarter (March, June, September, December) at 5 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board, A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Cox, to adjourn at 7 p.m. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mabel Wanink, Deputy Clerk