

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2017, 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Cox called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order and lead 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; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Jim Spencer, Trustee; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk; and three township members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Niemi, supported by Lake, to approve the minutes of the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting of July 5, 2017, as presented. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ADGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Update from Snow Country Contracting, they lost 15 days because of rain but they are getting caught up, there is a delay of payment to Northland Paving and they won't do any more paving until paid in full, there has been a call to Casperson hoping to speed things along, small change order jobs have all been approved.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- INTERNET MEETING GCC; HIGHLAND COPPER PREGRESS; DALBECK LOGGING IMPROVEMENTS: Board members are invited to attend the local Internet meeting at GCC, many e-mails have been sent out trying to see what kind of demand there is for service, trying to see what kind of power (GB) we'll have from the Ironwood tower, this does not affect our Internet project with Merit. Highland Mine setting up local offices in Wakefield, project is on target for Spring '18. George Dalbeck building new scale, buildings, looking real nice.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- ROADS, MOWING, RC MGT; FIRE POND AT INDUSTRIAL PARK; TIRE GRANT APPEAL: Remaining gravel left from \$25,000 being used on Old M-28, Anderson Camp RD., Willy RD., Jack Spur RD. Pikka RD., was forgot during mowing but is going to get done, RC MGT. Township is benefitting from the new Board, Indianhead patched up where there the water leak was, cut back at the fire pond at the Industrial Park, fire pond is not marked. Good news, the appeal was approved for the entire amount of the Tire Grant.
4. TREASURE'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$68,316.50 on Aug. 1, 2017, with Receipts of \$16,664.66 and Expenses of \$17,012.61 and Payroll of \$4,607.48, leaving an ending balance of \$63,361.07. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and place on file. Motion Carried.

5. ZONING AND PLANNING: None.
6. SECTION 32 REPORT: None.
7. TRAILS: There's been a \$5,000 grant, the trails are being cut back and widened, the second Sunday of August they are going to go clean up what's been cut, inmates from the prison are going to help break up 2 beaver dams, things are starting to come together, bridges should be done. A phone call was received about North Country Trail, it's been closed for two years from North County RD 519 to Black River, Cal Kangas is asking for help to clean it up. Permission was given to take 4 wheelers in, could be a problem from the canyons on the trail, Highland Copper will ribbon off around the canyons.
8. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Things are running a little better, the Township and the City of Wakefield are helping to bring in money, all the dumpsters are being rented, checking into a new box for the truck, Bessemer has rejoined.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: None.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: New bill signed, 1.2% revenue sharing, ORV's on roads unless you opt out.
4. MPSC- PROPOSED ELECTRICAL RATE INCREASE: There's a surcharge, hearing every year.
5. CITY OF BESSEMER- MASTER PLAN REVIEW: Will be on file, you can look at it if you are interested.
6. CHARTER- SURCHARGE AND RECIEVER INCREASES AND CHANNEL CHANGES: None.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT- TIM MAKIN: Appoint a new member to the Authority, recommend Tim Makin. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, that we appoint Tim Makin to the Water Authority. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. CHECK SIGNING PROCEDURES FOR TAX CHECKS: Joan Dalman will write a new policy for more than one signature on tax checks, right now there is only one required. A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, that a new policy is written. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
3. F-65 END OF YEAR FINANCIALS- MARCH 31, 2017 FUND BALANCE IS \$547,093 COMPARED TO \$529,801 MARCH 31, 2016: Mini audits, audits are all on the states website, auditor's comments on Ironwood Township and Irwin Township is telling, fund balance went up \$20,000 in the last year.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA MEETING- AUGUST 29, 2017—MARENISCO TOWNSHIP
3. PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET THE THIRD WEDNSDAY OF EACH QUARTER, (MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER)

4. A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, to adjournment at 6:20 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk