

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 5, 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 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 two township members.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the minutes except New Business. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: The meeting was short, operation was expensive for October, \$22,153, draw on 9 Bessemer 122,414, Copper Mine water from Superior. To much drain on the electric grid in the area, Natural gas expansion, projects need to be completed. Water storage is clean at Aspirus.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Moving ahead with the pump station on M-28, clearing and electric. Indianhead operated this past weekend. Talked with Mark Lane about setting up tours for the students at Extreme tool, more people should be involved in that business, get the students involved.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-ISO BUILDING STANDARDS: Looking for building standards used, checks the effectiveness of a business, Butch Saari does a good job red flagging. Helps with insurance coming down because of the quality.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$43,388.86 on November 30, 2017, with Receipts of \$4,742.02, Expenses of \$7,064.35 and Payroll of \$4,105.57; leaving an ending balance of \$36,960.96. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the Treasure's report and placed on file. Motion Carried.
5. ZONING AND BLIGHT: Property transfer 20 acres, big containers look terrible from M-28 and Jackson Creek, not up to any standards.
6. SOLID WASTE REPORT-MANDY: Purchased 2 new garbage trucks (3 yes, 2 no; Mandy voted no), the Mack truck will be traded in. Settled with United Landfill, hiring one part-time employee.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: The cost of new asphalt is \$160,000 a mile, the road from the Copper mine to M-28 7 million dollars. Make a list for Darren for brushing, hanging trees when they're covered in snow.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Quiet until just before the end of the year.
4. MPSC: Hearing NSP 4 to 5 per month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. INTERNET CONTRACT-MERIT AND GOGEBIC RANGE.NET: With the internet contract everyone will get access to the internet, to take the risk off the township they will partner with Gogebic Range.Net. The Township will buy GB from Merit, the excess will be sold to GogebicRange.net for distribution to the residents and businesses in the township and surrounding areas who are under-served or not served. Enter into one contract with Merit and second contract with Gogebic Range.Net, will not sign the performance bond until we see how it works. Dalman made a Motion, supported by Niemi, to approve internet contract with Merit Network and to approve contract with Gogebic Range.Net, and to authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to sign said agreements when the Performance Bond from Gogebic Range.Net is executed. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Michael Heikkila wanted to know if GRSWA contacted anyone about who had this kind of garbage truck to see how they perform. No.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday January 2, 2018, 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA MEETING- Thursday, December 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at Watersmeet.
3. BOARD OF REVIEW-TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2017-5:00 P.M. This meeting is for errors and omissions, principal resident exemption and to consider poverty exemptions.
4. TAX APPEALS- Monday, March 12, 2018-9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. and Tuesday March 13, 2018-9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Wednesday March 14, 2018 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
5. PLANNING COMMISSION-Will meet the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 p.m.
6. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, to adjourn at 6:19 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk

