

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018, 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 Dalman, supported by Spencer, 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 except New Business. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, 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 Board approved the Contractor and Engineering firm, New Board members are, Pat Mann, James Anderson, and Tim Makin. The people of Bessemer are having issues with the condition of the roads.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Highland Copper is moving forward, improvements to Copper Peak's hill and landing area, supported in Lansing by the Governor and Casperson. Plans for summer jumping using plastic sheeting and running water on it.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-DECEMBER BOR; INTERNET-Not a lot of people showed up for the meeting, nothing new from Branden on the internet, still waiting on the Bond. Watersmeet Board is not happy about the county garage being moved to the west end of the county, not fair to not share the monies, they're having a hard time finding a location that has the utilities in place. The clean up of the old county garage is being monitored.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Tire Grant money is being held until after the first of the year, so it should be coming anytime. General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$36,964.29 as of December 31, 2017, with Receipts of \$10,509.51, Expenses of \$4,727.52 and Payroll of \$4,126.94; leaving an ending balance of \$38,583.34. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to approve the Treasure's report and placed on file. Motion Carried.
5. SOLID WASTE REPORT: Purchased two new garbage trucks, green in color, different warrantee for the engine and the transmission, they'll be here in May. Mandy voted No, Chris purposed a rate increase, Mandy voted NO, didn't pass.
6. ZONING/PLANNING: Haven't started anything yet, slow going.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: None
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Safe for now until we get back in session.
4. CHARTER-LETTERS: There's been channel changes.
5. SENATOR CASPERSON-PRISON RESPONSE LETTER: Supervisor Cox received a letter from Senator Casperson giving his reassurance that the Ojibwa Correctional Facility was not the facility closing, stating he understands the concerns of it's closure would have on the local economy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. SET BUDGET/FUTURE GOALS WORKSHOT DATE-TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to accept the date for Budget Workshop. Motion Carried.
2. CONFIRM 2018 IRS MILEAGE RATE: The rate is raised to 54.5 cents per mile.
3. BUDGET MONITORING/AMENDMENTS IF NECESSARY: The changes in the accounts are all in the 101 accounts, not as much as thought, ready for March, City contracts are expiring. No budget amendments are needed.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Michael Heikkila made a comment on the Ojibwa Correction Facility is the best run in the state and it's the cheapest in the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday February 7, 2018, 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA MEETING- None in January.
3. BOR 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.
4. PLANNING COMMISSION-Will meet the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 p.m.
5. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to adjourn at 6:19 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk