

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2018, 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; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Jim Spencer, Trustee; and two township members.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor Cox added an item to the agenda. A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the Agenda with the added item. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. 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: Jerry wasn't able to attend but spoke with Jean Verbos. There was a discussion about the ongoing Bessemer project and wages will be held from current contractor. Delinquent account—money did come in for down payment and a promissory note will be set up by accountant to pay rest of bill.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—INQUIRE FOR SALE OF CANNABIS: a company emailed John inquiring about developing a cannabis business. TOUR OF NORTHERN NATURAL PLANT: the plant is almost up and running. The board members are interested in a tour, possibly in the spring. AIR QUALITY PERMIT FOR COPPERWOOD APPROVED: The air quality permit has been approved. Permits are moving along good.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT—ROAD RIDE AROUND WITH ROAD COMMISSION: Barry Bolich, RC manager, John Matonich, Scott Maki, Phil Strong, and John went for a ride around to look at township roads. Looked at condition of N. County 519, ditching, brushing, bad culverts. Assessed roads and projects that have been neglected. Will take another ride around in spring. PHONES AND FURNACES: Both were out. Mukavitz Heating came to do boiler inspection and it seems to be ok. New phones will be purchased for the hall. MDOT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE EXPANDS: The Bessemer US-2 project was discussed, 3 or 4 lanes. The committee expanded into a safety committee. Goal with State Police is zero deaths on Michigan roads. ASSESSING LEGISLATION IMPROVED: many things were taken out, but main idea is that townships need to have good assessors and boards that understand the tax system.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$43,714.03 on November 30, 2018, with Receipts of \$4,905.00, Expenses of \$10,361.43, and Payroll of \$4,851.15, leaving an ending balance of \$33,406.45. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve

the Treasurer's Report and placed on file. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

5. ZONING AND BLIGHT CASE: Everything is in good shape. John is meeting with Planning Commission to discuss future of Master Plan. Need to budget for funds to finish Master Plan in the next fiscal year.
6. SOLID WASTE REPORT: Problems with heating in the recycling building. Both garbage trucks broke down, both have same issue. One truck repaired, and the second truck should be returned shortly.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: meeting in January. Jerry spoke with Paula about delinquent accounts. There have been no updates with those, but Section 32 is considering setting up the same type of payment system that the GRWA set up.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Things moving very fast. Assessing and Mackinaw Bridge project being considered.
4. MPSC- GAS AND ELECTRIC RATES CREDIT: Over recovery for electric.
5. CHARTER- CHANNEL CHANGES: Dropping a channel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FLOOD INSURANCE: More questions than answers. 911 set up committee for 1/9/19. Will need to provide maps, inspections, zoning ordinances, and FEMA wants township to control. Will hopefully know more after meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CIVIL INFRACTIONS ORDINANCE: A Civil Infractions Ordinance must be passed before a Marijuana Ordinance. A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to adopt the Civil Infractions Ordinance. A ROLL CALL vote showed all board members present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. DISCUSSION OF MARIJUANA ORDINANCE: Civil Infractions Ordinance is first step needed for Marijuana Ordinance. Consult Tim Dean to find out ordinance information for recreational marijuana vs. medical marijuana ordinance.
3. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: A Township resident commented on a plugged culvert during spring and ditching.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 P.M. at Elk and Hound
3. TAX APPEALS DATES -Monday, March 11, 2019-9:00 am-3:00pm-Tuesday, March 12, 2019-3:00 pm-9:00 pm.
4. PLANNING COMMISSION will meet third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 P.M.

5. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to adjourn at 7:02 P.M.
Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE; WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK