

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019, 5:30 PM

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; Jim Spencer, Trustee; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk; Wakefield City Manager, Robert Brown and members of the township.

APPROVAL OF THE ADGENDA: A Motion was made Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Bessemer Board are asking for a hold on payments to SCC until the work is done because of being past the deadline for completion. Residential lines need to be redone, next meeting for the Water Authority is 8/12. Possibility of running a waterline from Indianhead to Johnson Rd but it would be an expensive job, the Johnson Rd line is a good line. DEQ is doing testing because of possible contamination from an old gas station. City of Wakefield, who provides the water now, does not qualify for a grant to replace water line. Contamination results from DEQ will determine if township residents can have wells or if a new water line needs to be installed.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT: Extreme Tool is doing very well, added employees, selling as a whole company since being bought out, not just an individual company. Planter Rd is a complete failure, it wasn't built by engineers and the road failed. Chippewa Rd. is fine, it's an all-season road. The Road Commission will 60/40 match to black top Planter Rd, that would be \$4,000 for the township and Chip seal Industry Dr., the Road Commission will put it in the Budget.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-ROADS-UPDATE: Martinson Rd is ready to go, chip seal 1080 ft. Drier Rd start ditching before chip sealing 2440 ft of the road. Repair to Jarvenppa Rd is done, Hopkins Rd has been ditched and culvert are done, Johnson Rd has new bigger culverts to help the area drain better, ditching still needs to be done. Indianhead Rd put in culverts, a private contractor did the work, they did a great job. There have been complaints about the grass along the road and in the ditches
RURAL BROADBAND POSSIBILITY: Brandon from gogebicrange.net wanted to know if

there would be an interest, he could put in more towers, our obligation would be to monitor it. SCRAP TIRE GRANT: we've done the tire grant in the past and cleaned up a lot of tires. Kingsford charges \$2.25 per tire, the grant would pay \$2.00 a tire so the township would have to pay \$0.25 per tire. HAZARD MITIGATION MEETING: beavers are causing a lot of flooding, talking to FEMA, it's been a long-time problem. MISC: The City of Wakefield requests 55/45 match for the air refill. We will give them 25% for the Fire Department to help them get the grant. Our township fully supports the application for the fire dept. The township board will go out to Northern Natural next month to take a tour of the facility.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of July 31, 2019, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$91,784.65, with receipts totaling \$10,469.19, expenditures of \$13,366.19, payroll of \$4,923.47, leaving an ending balance of \$83,964.18. A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to accept the Treasurer's as presented and place it on file. Motion Carried.
5. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: BLIGHT CASE UP-DATE: Colberg Rd got an extension. 812 County Rd 519 isn't done yet, no contact so the next step is to send the police. Indianhead Rd, it will cost \$5,000 to take down the garage so it hasn't been done yet.
6. PLANNING COMMISSION-MASTER PLAN UPDATE, ONE MONTH DELAY: A one-month delay was requested by WUPPDR. Niko and Austin are doing a great job.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: Tim Moon has been sworn in as new board member, \$61,289 on hand, delinquent taxes are getting caught up, there is verification that the septic tanks were pumped last year.
8. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Annual garbage truck payment was made using general fund money. Oldest garbage truck was sold for high bid price. Administrator's contract approved for one year along with raise, approved optical and dental health coverage for employees.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: None
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE-AUTO INSURANCE; GAS TAX; STATE BUDGET: Nothing has been done yet on the gas tax, a lot of politics going on behind closed doors. Ban baiting for deer because of CWD, only one deer in the U.P. New laws for opioid abuse. The State Budget has stalled.
4. GCC- SKILLED TRADES CENTER OPEN HOUSE: There is an Open House on Friday, August 9, 2019
5. MPSC-GAS RATES: Old recovery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS AUTO DOOR OPENER-FUNDED THROUGH RURAL DEVELOPMENT 75/25 MATCHING FUNDS: Public Hearing Date, Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:30 P.M, has been cancelled. The township has enough money in general fund to pay for new door and automatic door opener. Work will be completed this fall.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, at 5:30 pm.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION: Will meet third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 P.M.
3. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, for adjournment at 6:32 pm. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK, MABLE WANINK