

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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; Wakefield City Manager, Robert Brown; Township Auditor, Gus Ahonen, and one township resident.

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 Spencer, 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. MINI-AUDIT PRESENTATION (F-65): Gus Ahonen, from Makela, Pollack, Ahonen, PLLC presented the Township's Form F-65. The General Fund balance at year end 3-31-19 was at \$521,386 with \$200,000 for roads and \$100,000 committed for economic development projects. \$58,467 of fund balance planned to balance 3-31-20 budget. Total revenues \$205,706; Total expenditures \$248,556; Fund balance decrease of \$42,850; final budget was a decrease of \$68,865; road expenditures for the year totaled \$64,379. Overall, the Township has an excellent fund balance and is estimated to be enough to operate for 2 years.
2. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: The new Ironwood Township Supervisor was introduced to the board. Funds withheld from SCC for work not completed. Amendment was made for C2AE to oversee repairs from faulty installation on some lines. Water issues in Bingoville area in Township are awaiting results from EGLE. GRWA has been contacted about the water issue there.
3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—Internet Services: Brandon from GogebicRange.net is working on a grant to receive money to provide internet to the Industrial Park.
4. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT—MTA ON THE ROAD: Tuesday, October 22, several board members may attend the meeting. HARARD MITIGATION UPDATE: 30 surveys returned from the public comment survey; most were concerned about floods, rivers, ditches. TOUR NORTHERN NATURAL PUMP STATION: Tuesday, October 1 at 2:30 pm. SPEED LIMIT SIGNS RE-POSTED ON N-519 FROM 1986 ORDER: Signs have been re-posted as many have not been replaced over time. COMMERCIAL FOREST APPLICATION: quite a few applications have been received.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 31, 2019, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$83,964.18, with receipts totaling \$30,969.42, expenditures of \$18,149.92, payroll of \$5,028.44, leaving an ending balance of \$91,755.24. A MOTION was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and place it on file. Motion Carried.
6. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S/PLANNING REPORT—MASTER PLAN UPDATE: 44 surveys have been completed and sent to WUPPDR to be analyzed. Things of concern—roads, internet. Good things—communication with the Township, nice residents. BLIGHT UPDATE—2 individuals that verbally said ok to cleaning up their properties previously have now been sent certified letters to proceed with cleaning up blight.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: Next meeting is in October.
8. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Audit scheduled for September 23. Hired a part-time collector. John will write a letter to the residents explaining the Township's garbage collection, Holiday schedule, recycling, etc., and will be sent out with next invoice.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION—projects for next year were discussed to be completed, including chip seal projects.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE—one month to complete budget.
4. MPSC-GAS RATES—change in rates.
5. WUPPDR ANNUAL MEETING—September 16 at the Keweenaw Lodge.
6. THANK YOU LETTER FROM PASSER-THROUGH

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. L-4029—discussed and will possibly have hearing before next regular board meeting.
2. BUDGET MONITORING—everything looks ok.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, October 1, 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 Niemi, for adjournment at 6:13 pm. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK