

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019 AT 5:30 PM

Township Clerk, Mandy Lake, called the Wakefield Township Regular Board Meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mandy Lake, Clerk; Joan Dalman, Treasurer; Trustee, Jim Spencer; and Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk. Absent: John Cox, Supervisor; Jerry Niemi, Trustee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the minutes of the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve 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: Jerry Niemi was not present at the meeting.
2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: All the promised projects have been completed, which include chip sealing on Drier Rd., Martinson Rd., and Londo Rd., ditching and tree cutting on Drier Rd., culvert replacement and ditching on Johnson Rd., Planter Rd., repairs after a nasty spring breakup and emergency repairs on Blackjack Rd. Various missing speed limit signs have been replaced. The township spent \$50,000 on these projects and the Road Commission spent \$57,000. All road inspections took place on Oct. 25th with Barry Bolich, Phil Strong and John Cox. Phil is putting together some numbers for us to look at for our January budget workshop. We have a positive relationship with the County Road Commission, County Board and the Administration. Angelo Lupino will submit an estimate on new blacktop in the township parking lot in case we want re-pave the west side of the building.
3. SUPERVISORS REPORT-INTERNET; NEW DOOR: John has been working with various people to see if there is a solution or partial solution to internet accessibility. The lack of internet is generally caused by the hills and valley's for wireless service and the cost to hard wire to resident's homes. The instructions for the use of the new automatic door have been e-mailed to you.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: The General Fund #101 had a balance of \$94,515.06 as of October 31, 2019, with Receipts of \$5,908.47, Expenditures of \$48,076.87 and Payroll of \$4,213.91, leaving an ending balance of \$48,123.75. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported Lake, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and placed on file. Motion Carried.
5. SECTION 32 REPORT: Jerry not present.
6. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: New printer has been tabled until a later time. Hiawatha Shores couldn't come to the meeting. Audit looks good.

7. ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT-MASTER PLAN UP-DATE: John has been working with WUPPDR on the draft of the master plan. They have requested additional information; John has had Austin and Niko helping him put together some of that information.
8. TRAILS-SUPPLEMENTARY: Supplemental funding, \$225,000, for the completion of the trail from Korpela Rd. west of the city of Wakefield has been approved. The appropriation of the funding was done mostly by Senator McBroom and his staff. This is great news for the residents of that area who helped the DNR by selling them permanent easements for motorized and non-motorized vehicles off the residential roads, mainly US-2, Pikka and Sampson Rds. The work is scheduled to start during the summer of 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE
4. MSPC INFORMATION ON CABLE FRANCHISES: Franchises look to be increasing cost. Survey sent in on regulatory.
5. CHARTER: Prices increasing on packages.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. END OF YEAR CUSTODIAN SALARY ADJUSTMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, in support of the yearly bonus for the township custodian, Rob Drier. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to accept the following Budget Amendment:

Account Number	Amended Budget Amt.	Previous Budget Amt.	Plus or Minus
101-265-930	7857.00	2000.00	+5857.00

A ROLL CALL VOTE showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURNMENTS

1. NEXT REGULAR WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 5:30 PM
2. JOINT BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM
3. MTA MEETING-None this month. Next Meeting Thursday December 5th, 2019 at Marenisco Township Hall.
4. PLANNING COMMISSION will meet the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 pm-Special Meetings may be called.

5. BOARD OF REVIEW DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6PM. (Note the time change) Errors and omissions, principal resident exemption and to consider poverty exemptions.
6. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, for adjournment at 5:52 pm. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk