

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 5:30 PM

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, 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: It was a short meeting. The copper and lead rules will possibly expand to private wells, paid out \$33,000 in water bills, there was an upgrade in the pump station at Blackjack and Indianhead.
2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS: Employment numbers in the township; 21 at Dalbeck's; 105 at Extreme Tool; 150 in the winter and 20 in the summer at Indianhead. Master Plan says all of Wakefield Township is employed. Expansion of Northern Natural, they'll be putting up a pole building.
3. SUPERVISORS REPORT-BLIGHT UP-DATE; SNOWPLOWING AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL: One case of blight is now in compliance, pushed back into the yard, and it is now closed. The second case has been given an extension until one week after spring clean-up, we do not need to start over with the 26 step process. Snowplowing at the township hall will be done by Pat Ryskey until Micky can return to work. We'll add more time allotted for plowing or do it by the hour. Snowmobile trail up at Indianhead, Apache Trail, loud mufflers can be heard at all hours. The Proposal- Have the President of the Snowmobile Club put up bigger sign and noise enforcement. Have the DNR patrol the area, Indianhead subdivision, bank the snow piles up higher to act as a noise barrier.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: The General Fund #101 had a balance of \$48,140.13 as of November 30, 2019, with Receipts of \$5,020.30, Expenditures of \$17,248.91 and Payroll of \$4,753.93, leaving an ending balance of \$31,157.59. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported Spencer, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and placed of file. Motion Carried.
5. SECTION 32 REPORT: Jerry was sick.
6. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: No meeting because of inclement weather.

7. ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT-MASTER PLAN UP-DATE: There is going to be a joint special meeting with both boards, Jerry from WUPPDR will attend. There has been a lot of time and effort put into it.
8. TRAILS: THE TOTAL FUNDING FROM KORPELA RD TO WAKEFIELD HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$625,000: DNR to add a 70 foot bridge and gravel to trail, monies to come from DNR, snowmobiles, and ATV's.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Minutes are available to read.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Minutes are available to read.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE-NO PROGRESS ON GOVENOR VETOES
4. CHARTER: Channel changes.
5. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMIOSSION: Over recovery and under recovery

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINT GRWA MEMBER: Tim Mackin is no longer a board member, so we need to appoint a member to replace him. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to appoint Jim Spencer. A ROLL CALL VOTE showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. FALL ROAD INSPECTIONS AND HALL PROJECTS: Drier Rd. total patch and culvert/ditch improvements and 519; Patch and pave culverts township wide, Johnson Rd culvert and Hopkins Rd culvert; Old M-28, old RR grade, south side of road, needs ditching to keep runoff off the road; HMA millings, Thunderbird Lane-culvert patch, Nurmiko RD; Grind off and total patch, Apache/Indianhead Rd culvert heave, Colberg/Pummala culvert heave; Olson Rd, brushing: Chip Seal Project (GCRC to crack fill), Old US-2 from Ulvila to Sampson, 1 mile, Ulvila from Old 2 to end of pavement, ½ mile; Paving Project, Production DR, 0.1 mile, local paving, Planter and Chippewa, bid through MDOT, 1 mile. Paving bid from Lupino to do work at the Township Hall.
3. CONTRACT EXTENSIONS-AUDIT, CITY OF WAKEFIELD, AND GARBAGE: Contract extensions are all coming up. Money to help cover the cost of air tanks for the WFD, possible \$3,000 to help cover the cost. Happy with service dealing with the locals and auditor.

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Bud. Acct.	Previous Bud. Amt.	(Plus or Minus)	Amend Bud Amt.
101-000-425	\$11,400.00	+\$24,274.26	\$35,674.26
101-000-680	\$495,545.00	+\$24,274.26	\$509,819.26

A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to accept the changes to the budget. 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, JANUARY 7, 2020 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 Dalman, supported by Spencer, for adjournment at 6:16 pm. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk