

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 2, 2019, 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; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk; and two township members.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: There were two sets of minutes tonight. A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve both sets of minutes. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF 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: Draw #20 was made for \$88,860, last month \$43,000 was withheld from Snow Country Contracting because of timeline delays, Engineering needed an extra \$10,000, change orders totaling \$61,000. Water Authority needs to change the doors at the meeting hall because they don't meet Disabilities Act requirements. Well #2 needs a new pump in Wakefield, Wakefield purposes that the Water Authority buys the pump for them, there is nothing wrong with the pump, the water is super clear, no damage, and no wear on the pump, the State inspector is requiring the pump to be replaced. Bessemer Board complained because the Water Authority turned them down flat when purposed they pay for a new pump for them.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-INTEREST IN PLANTER ROAD LOT FOR STORAGE RENTAL, NORTHERN NATURAL PROGRESS ON COMPRESSOR STATION-BOARD TOURS TOWARDS APRIL: Someone wants to put a rental storage unit up on a lot on Planter RD., property was confiscated through taxes, AT&T put internet poles down to Northern Natural compressor station. Property owners don't like the poles on their property, AT&T says they got permits from MDOT, they need to be sensitive to the property owner's as to where they put the poles.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-DECEMBER BOR; ADDRESSING- 2 cases that were easily resolved, gave a list of addresses to Melissa so she could assess the property.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mine permits approved, still waiting on the Federal Permit for drawing water from Lake Superior. As of December 31, 2018, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$33,409.72; with receipts totaling \$23,269.39, expenditures of \$10,966.79, payroll of \$3,917.50, leaving an ending balance of \$41,794.82. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported

by Niemi, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and placed on file. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

5. SOLID WASTE REPORT: The office needed some work done, water heater, shelves, Snow Country Contracting didn't want to pay interest on the houses they tore down, Hurley wanted a donation, no donations unless they have to done with recycling. Trucks are running good, repairs have been made and they are permanent not temporary. The Authority needs to make a bid for Bessemer trash pickup. Law suit is being paid on.
6. SECTION 32 REPORT: There is a meeting scheduled in 2 weeks.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: There is no township board member on the Ambulance Board, money went to Beacon. They have mileage money to go towards up-dating all the equipment per Federal requirements, they have a 3-year contract.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: Roads are in great shape, Barry Bolich is off to a good start.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Lame duck Congress, passed what needed to be passed.
4. CHARTER: none

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FLOOD INSURANCE WORKSHOP: January 9, 1-3 pm, at Wakefield City Hall. Joan and John will be attending. The premiums are expensive, people can't afford them, going to have to enforce all the rules about the flood plans.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS: Passed a resolution to enforce but needed to add on that you cannot smoke a joint before a meeting or ballgame. A person can only grow 12 plants at a time, \$100 to \$500 fines, put up signs, pass the prohibition of marijuana. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to pass this resolution. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. RESOLUTION-PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVIT PENALTIES-People have failed to fill out the transfer of property papers within the 45-day time period. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Township of Wakefield waives the penalty for failure to file Property Transfer Affidavits (PTA) within 45 days, for all transfers. Be it Further Resolved that this waiver may be requested to be set aside by the Assessor, or other local unit official, in specific cases, wherein those fees for specific instances will comply with Michigan Compiled Laws 211.27b (1)(c) and 211.276 (1). A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to pass this resolution. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
3. SNOW PLOW CONTRACTOR TRANSFER TO TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE: Because of the cost of insurance for our contracted snow remover we're checking, with Gus, to see if we can transfer him to a township employee and rent the equipment (truck) and pay him \$45 every time he plows. Melissa wants to continue as a contracted employee, we don't want to be on the hook for anything so we'll see what Tim Dean can come up with. Check with Melissa at the Budget Workshop on Jan. 23, 2019.
4. SET BUDGET/FUTURE GOALS WORKSHOT DATE: January 23, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

5. SET DATE FOR COMPUTER AND E-MAIL CHANGES: Monday January 28, 2019 at 4 p.m. to change from names to township position e-mail accounts.
6. CONFIRM 2019 IRS MILEAGE RATE: No change, stays at 54.5 cents per mile. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to accept the mileage rate. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
7. COLLECTION OF SUMMER TAXES: The school is asking us to continue to collect the school's taxes. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to agree to continue to the collection. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

#### EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Micky commented on the Ambulance service and why it is so expensive.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday February 5, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA meeting: None in January.
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 pm.
5. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to adjourn at 6:47 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE; CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mable Wanink; Deputy Clerk