

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 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: A MOTION was made by Dalman supported by Niemi, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: 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: It was a short meeting. Indianhead bill has been paid in full, they are using the most amount of water in a long time. Randy Scott is retiring from C2A Engineering.
2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-GLOBE PROGRESS REPORT; NEGOCIATING THE SALE OF PLANTER RD PROPERTY: The Daily Globe would like pictures to go with the township progress report, progress made on Northern Natural Gas, the sale of Extreme Tool; still working on the sale of the property on Planter RD, taking steps to get things updated.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-HOST MTA MEETING-FEBRUARY 26, 2019: There will be snacks, reporter wants to attend the meeting.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of January 31, 2019, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$41,797.32; with receipts totaling \$35,880.87, expenditures of \$6,911.42, payroll of \$4,401.34, leaving an ending balance of \$66,365.43. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, 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. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
6. SOLID WASTE REPORT: Elected officers, Dec. tonnage was down, \$13,000 less per year because of the OCF closing. Getting a bid together for Bessemer pick-up.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: There are still issues with the septic systems, there is a 10,000 gallon tank by the lodge but there's also a 5,000 galloon tank and 2 more 10,000 gallon tanks but no one knows where they're located. Should be pumped every 2 years. Septic is tied into the lagoon. A letter was sent to Melissa to put delinquent sewer bill on tax bill.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Going to appoint another Commissioner.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: First meeting with the new board members, Denny is interested in asking the right questions, taking care of bumps on Blackjack RD and on CO. RD 519. Happy with the service that's been provided, performance report examined in the Spring and again in the Fall.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: The new Governor is trying to undo what was passed during Lame Duck.
4. FARMLAND PRESERVATION GRANTS AND INFO: Grants for preserving farmland.
5. CHARTER: Charter will provide WGN out of Chicago;
6. MPSC- GAS COST RECOVERY FOR NORTHERN STATES POWER: Checking to see if the cost will go up or down.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FEMA INSURANCE: State and Federal, no flood plans in Wakefield, do we want to offer it to our residents, two residents have bought it in the past and soon found it was too expensive. Don't offer because it's not needed. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to not offer flood insurance. ROLL CALL showed all those present Voting YES. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. WUPPDR CONTRACT FOR MASTER PLAN-MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD ON CONTRACT: It will cost \$15,000 for the whole project, pay in two years, start on the survey this summer, so we need to write up a contract. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to do a Master Plan. Motion Carried.
2. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 19-29 BUDGET (NEXT MTG)-MARCH 5, 2019 AT 5:30 PM: Set for the next meeting.
3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS IF NECESSARY
4. RECOGNIZE RETIRING LIBRARIAN DENISE ENGEL: Send a letter and a certificate.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday March 5, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA meeting: February 26, 2019, 6:00 pm; Wakefield Township Hall.
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. Board of Review Organizational meeting- Tuesday, March 5, 2019-4:30 pm. (Not for public tax appeals.
6. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to adjourn at 6:11 pm. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE; CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mable Wanink; Deputy Clerk

