

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 2, 2019, 5:30 P.M.

Clerk Lake 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: Mandy Lake, Clerk; Joan Dalman, Treasurer; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Jim Spencer, Trustee; two township members; one Daily Globe reporter. Absent: John Cox, Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the Agenda. 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: Account claims of \$21,000 approved. Process of mapping fire hydrants and water lines will be on GPS so they know where there are problems, in case of emergency.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-STRATEGIC PLANNING: Supervisor Cox attended a strategic plan meeting at GCC. The group consisted of members of the business community, Cities of Bessemer and Ironwood, GCC, Coleman Engineering, Aspirus, and Wakefield Township. Around 30 people were there and were broken into groups. The groups identified different ideas, many of the same, of what the surrounding communities needed. Luke Bonner Associates was hired and will be putting together a report that will be shared. The next meeting is April 29.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-B.O.R.; AMAR: 2 cases were presented, and relief was provided to both. Wakefield Township was selected by the State Tax Commission to have our 2019 assessment roll reviewed as part of the State's 2019 audit program.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of March 31, 201, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$122,122.28; with receipts totaling \$17,426.04, expenditures of \$19,180.76, payroll of \$4,419.31, leaving an ending balance of \$115,948.25. 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. SOLID WASTE REPORT: No new business to report.
6. SECTION 32 REPORT: Meeting at the end of April.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Revenue sharing, road funding are highlights of governor's budget; Minimum wage increase takes effect.
4. SPECTRUM MID-AMERICA, LLC NOW HOLDS THE CABLE FRANCHISE FOR CHARTER: Wakefield Township received a letter of notification and no action is required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO RE-HIRE AUSTIN AHONEN AND TO HIRE NIKO HEWITT FOR GROUNDS, CLEANUP, SIGNS, BRUSHING, SPRING CLEANUP, COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR MASTER PLAN AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS JOBS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2019: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, to authorize Supervisor Cox to Re-hire Austin Ahonen and to hire Niko Hewitt. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ROAD COMMISSION CONTRACTS UP TO \$50,000: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to authorize Supervisor Cox to sign the Road contracts with the Gogebic County Road Commission up to \$50,000. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
3. CONSIDER RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION ALLOWING MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS TO HAVE THE OPTION OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS ON A NON-PARTISAN BALLOT : The MTA sent a resolution to the Townships to discuss the pros and cons of township board members being allowed to run as non-partisan on future ballots. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to send a resolution to the MTA in support of having the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

1. One resident asked about the GRSWMA trucks and how they were running lately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA MEETING: April 30, 2019 at 6:00 PM, Watersmeet Township
3. SPRING CLEANUP DATES: Friday, May 17, 2019 (9:00 am-4:00pm) and Saturday, May 18, 2019 (9:00am until 12:00pm) at Western U.P. Recycling Center located at North 519 and Planter Rd. Check-in with attendant. Tires not accepted this year.
4. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to adjourn at 5:52 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE; CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

