

WAKEFIELDTOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019, 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Cox called the Wakefield Township Regular Board Meeting to order and led all those present, in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL: John Cox; Supervisor, Joan Dalman; Treasurer, Jerry Niemi; Trustee, Jim Spencer; Trustee, Mable Wanink; Deputy Clerk. Rob Dryer, Micky Heikkila, Jeff Pikka and Paula Koruga were also in attendance.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the bills and payroll as presented. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES:

1. TIM LYNOTT-HIGHLAND COPPER: Postponed until next month's meeting.
2. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: New lead and copper pipe rules for testing for contaminants, testing to determine what types of pipes, regulation for new construction, \$5,680,00 to C2A Engineering. Claymore St. work has been postponed until US 2 work is done, regulations from the state on PFAS contamination.
3. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-STRATEGIC PLAN: Prison Closure-Strategic Plan, 5 areas we'd like to see looked at; with a timetable and who does it: Brand and Marketing, one brand and sell, sell, sell; Infrastructure, internet is a huge problem, can't get service to the out laying areas, Industrial Park, Recruiting for tourism, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development. The State should kick in money saved from the closure of the prison to hire someone.
4. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- ROAD INSPECTIONS; SPRING CLEAN-UP: Planter RD and Chippewa RD are scheduled to be repaired, Jarvenppa Rd patching is going to be done, Johnson RD is having issues with the ditches, 2 culverts are plugged on the north side of Johnson RD, Hocking RD needs to be completely dugout, culvert and ditch need to be cleaned out to help water flow out of the swamp in 2 directions. Chip seal on Dryer RD, take care of the trees causing issues, Londo RD is getting chip seal. Enbridge will repair the dip in on N. Co. RD 519 and Blackjack RD. Spring Clean-up is on May 17th and 18th, Niko and Austin will be working on clean-up days, after clean-up work on Blight issues.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$115,948.25 on April 30, 2019, with Receipts of \$2,882.57, Expenses of \$9,307.62, and Payroll of \$5,710.03, leaving an ending balance of \$103,813.17. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the Report and place on file. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.
6. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-SPRING BLIGHT INSPECTION; PLANNING COMMISSION MASTER PLAN: Met with Jerry Wuorenmaa, he's good at what he does, Strategic Plan, good and bad, survey questions, Niko and Austin will be doing a survey for the township, it will be done by August 1st.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: It was a good meeting. Melissa Prisbe has been a big help, addresses for everyone up on Indianhead. Three units on one septic, 3 main tanks done every year and the tanks for the Condo's should be done every 3 to 5 years. Barry has been helping out, talked to Tim Moon, he hasn't called Paula Koruga back yet, better to be active than reactive. Move forward with loan. Indianhead had a good year. Some great things are happening.
8. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Audit proposal, only one firm responded, authorized the sale of Crane, license is good for 5 years, Bank CD won't be renewed, don't use contractor's bags during road restrictions are on.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Jim Lorenson was appointed,
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Things are going very well.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Auto Insurance is getting rid of catastrophic coverage.
4. CHARTER-JOAN GEROUX: Representing the U.P.
5. ELECTRICITY RATES: Public Service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. SELL LOT ON PLANTER ROAD: There is a two-acre lot on Planter RD that was foreclosed on, interested buyer wants to put up a storage building on the property. This would get rid of the taxes owed and bring more taxes back from the new property. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to sell the property. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.
2. APPOINT SECTION 32 MEMBER: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to appoint Tim Moon as a Section 32 member. Motion Carried.
3. WAIVER OF RIGHT TO PURCHASE FORECLOSED PROPERTY: There are 19 acres on Romono Rd, little Chicago, that are in foreclosure for taxes owed, there are no permanent residents there, hunting land. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to purchase foreclosed property for taxes owed. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.

4. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR INTERNET SERVICES: Internet Services for the township will cost us nothing, 500 customers for Gogebic Range.Net. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to accept the following Budget Amendment:

Account	Prev. Budget Amt	(Plus or Minus)
Amended Budget Amt		
101-000-626	\$ 17,230	+\$6,840
+\$24,070		
101-265-853	\$17,230	+\$6,840
+\$24,070		

A Roll Call vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.
2. SPRING CLEANUP DATES: Friday, May 17, 2019 (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) and Saturday, May 18, 2019 (9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M) at Western U.P. Recycling Center located at North 519 and Planter RD. Check in with the attendant.
3. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to adjourn at 6:39 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk