

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2019, AT 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; Mandy Lake, Clerk; Joan Dalman, Treasurer; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Jim Spencer, Trustee; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk. Rob Drier, Mike Heikkila, Robert Brown (Wakefield City Manager) were also in attendance.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, 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 for payment. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES:

1. TIM LYNOTT-HIGHLAND COPPER: Tim Lynott is not present. The price of copper has fallen in price and no longer cost effective to pursue mining. We need to team up to fix County Rd 519 because of the increased traffic in the township because of Extreme Tool, Hilborn's, Dalbeck's, and Lake's Flower Cabin.
2. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: They were few people at the meeting, so it was short. A draw was made for \$23,380, Bessemer Township water testing being done, find a replacement for Steve Boyd, transfer the water system, C2A still working on Asset Management.
3. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: None.
4. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- ROAD WORK; SPRING CLEAN-UP; DRAFT NEWSLETTER; VACATION JUNE 13TH-19TH: Do culverts with private contractors, \$31,000 used for brushing and ditching with the Road Commission, chip seal will be done in July. Beavers are still damming and causing problems, this year's spring clean-up had half the tonnage as last year, the weather was not great on that Saturday. Doing a good job cleaning up the township, rough draft for the newsletter has been completed.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: A new printer may be needed, Laser printers are around \$200.00, work it out, if we need a new one, get it. General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$103,813.17 on May 31, 2019, with Receipts of \$25,859.12, Expenses of \$28,153.89, and Payroll of \$4,935.97, leaving an ending balance of \$96,582.43. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to approve the Report and place on file. Motion Carried

6. PLANNING COMMISSION-MASTER PLAN, BLIGHT: Niko and Austin are ready to go out and do the survey for the township; they have ID's and shirts so to be identified as township employees. Blight ride: went out on a blight ride writing notifications, collapsed buildings, junk piles, 2 verbal warnings on caved in garage under powerlines. Also, too many vehicles in yards, hard to mandate, just practice good behavior. 130 regular trash pick-up customers.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: No meeting.
8. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Administration wants to hire one full-time position. Two part-time positions have been eliminated.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: None
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Things are getting pushed through, waiting to see what happens with the purposed gas tax

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRWA-RETIREMENT OF THE WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM 13343 AND PLACING THE INDIANHEAD WATER SYSTEM IN THE GRWA-WSSN2685: The GRWA wants to retire the old DRWA number system, place Indianhead on GRWA system. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to replace the old GRWA system. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present Voting YES. Motion Carried.
2. CHARITABLE EXEMPTION POLICY: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to make a resolution for Charitable Exemption Policy. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.
3. DRINKING WATER REPORT FOR THE INDIANHEAD AREA (GRWA): We have the results of the water report, there were no violations. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Dalman, to approve the Report as presented. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Robert Brown from the City of Wakefield talked about helping the Fire Department get up to compliance with OSHA requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, JULY 2, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA MEETING: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6 P.M.- Bessemer Township Park or Hall in case of inclement weather.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Meeting the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 P.M.
4. BOARD OF REVIEW-Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. (Errors, Omissions and Poverty exemptions only).

5. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to adjourn at 6:05 P.M.
Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk