

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019, 5:30 PM

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; Jim Spencer, Trustee; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk; Wakefield City Manager, Robert Brown and members of the township.

APPROVAL OF THE ADGENDA: A Motion was made Niemi, supported by Dalman, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 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: There's a problem at the Blackjack pump station, draw #20 but held \$42,000 because of delays, work isn't getting done so they have been withholding pay outs, Tim Mackin accepted the treasurer's job, C2A Engineering has been working on asset management, S.C.C. paved the North side of U.S. 2, Water Authority is asking for legal advice because of delays.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT-ARTIST PLACE ON INDIANHEAD: Amy Anderson opened an Artist Store in her garage, she had a shop at Blackjack for couple of years. Mining is looking doubtful, Extreme, Hillborn and Dalbec are doing well.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-ROADS-CURRENT PROGRESS, NEXT YEAR-POSSIBLE GRANT TO HELP, ROSEMARY HILL: Road work is delayed, our work starts mid-July, chip seal, culvert work, possible grant. Great Lakes Road discussed and special assessment to possibly fix the paved section only; Keweenaw, Trans Canada and Great Lakes Northern Natural are primary road users. Rosemary Hill has kids going too fast, looking for a way to slow people down, put up sign.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of June 30, 2019, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$96,590.16, with receipts totaling \$9,413.85, expenditures of \$9,412.92, payroll of \$4,813.83, leaving an ending balance of \$91,777.26. A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and place it on file. Motion Carried.
5. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: BLIGHT CASES; PRIVATE PROPERTY SPORT SHOOTING: Property on N. County Road 519 that has been a Blight problem has been given a time limit as to when the work needs to be done, some has already been done and other property owner's have

returned calls to John. Other properties in the township are being worked on and progress is being made. Private Property Sport Shooting-The property is owned by Barb Sordahl, Justin Sordahl is the shooter, the noise is within the allowable level, no issues, nothing that can be done about it. Protected under the 2nd Amendment.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION-MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Niko and Austin both have other jobs but they are working on getting the township survey's out to the residents, it has to be done in a month, part-time residents need to go to the website.
7. SECTION 32 REPORT: Next meeting is July 17, 2019.
8. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Special Meeting to terminate 2 employees. They are going to hire 2 CDL collectors. Applications are being looked at, the June 20th meeting was rescheduled for June 27th. Scott Heikkila was hired full-time, he has a CDL A, previous hire was let go. Insurance was being looked at, workers ok with it, 2019-2020 budget approved. Crows are getting into the trash on pickup day, use trash cans.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: None
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE-AUTO INSURANCE; GAS TAX; STATE BUDGET: Motorcyclists need catastrophic coverage, not much on the gas tax, the budget isn't out yet.
4. V.A. MINUTES: The minutes are available if you would like to read them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. RENEW INSURANCE POLICY-PAR PLAN AND WORKERS COMP.: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, to keep the Par Plan and Workers Comp the same, A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. AMAR REVIEW: 2 gigs, both are fixed now, Board of Review on charitable donations.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 5:30 pm.
2. BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ERROR AND OMISSIONS- Tuesday August 6, 2019
3. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, for adjournment at 6:20 pm. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYPED BY MABLE WANINK, DEPUTY CLERK