

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 7, 2020, 5:37 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; Melissa Prisbe, Township Assessor; Justin Kasieta, State Representative Markkanen's Aide; and two other members of the public.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A MOTION was made by Spencer supported by Niemi, to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: No minutes were available to approve, as May and June meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19. It was noted that all bills paid, and township business performed was presented on our township website every month.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Justin Kasieta, State Representative Markkanen's aide, asked if the board had any question and concerns that he could bring back to Rep. Markkanen to review. The UIA agency and concerns on unemployment issues and delays during COVID-19 were discussed.

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

#### REPORTS

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Discussion about the size of the board was discussed. Five communities are currently on the GRWA board with potentially 20 people per meeting if they all attend. They are looking at decreasing to a 5-member board but need to amend their articles of incorporation to do that. The 2020-2021 Budget was also approved.
2. SUPERVISOR REPORT: Internet tower—concrete is curing for anchors. Power will be run to the storage building this month. Progress is on schedule. Wakefield Township Road Repairs—Several roads are finished being repaired and others are still being worked on. City of Wakefield Repair of Sordahl Rd—The project should be finished soon and is moving along well. Upcoming Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance—public hearing will be held in August. Blight Update—three cases total. One is resolved, one is in resolution, and one is held over from last year. An estimate for cleanup and timeline was provided to landowner before moving on to next step. Fire number signs—some are peeling, and replacements have been ordered. Summer help will go out and place new signs on trees in road right away if possible. Appointed Boards—upcoming in September. Need to get people for BOR/ Planning Commission, etc.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of June 30, 2020, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$91,677.22; with receipts totaling \$3,323.04, expenditures of \$34,275.90, payroll of \$4,128.04, leaving an ending balance of \$56,596.32. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to

approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and placed on file. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

4. SOLID WASTE REPORT: Budget was approved for 2020-2021. Tonnage has been up this year.
5. SECTION 32 REPORT: None.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: Planter road project starting next week.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE
4. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS—ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS OF CHANNELS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to return to the regular township board meeting schedule. Motion Carried.
2. INSURANCE RENEWAL: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to renew the Township Par-Plan Insurance for \$4,649.00. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.
3. MILLAGE RATE: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to renew the millage rate at 4.4803 mills. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.
4. BUDGET AMENDMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to accept the following budget amendment:

Account	Previous Budget Amt.	(Plus or Minus)
Amended Budget Amt.		
101-449-805	\$52,500	+\$25,000
\$77,500		
General Fund		
101-000-680	\$500,119.26	-\$25,000
\$475,119.26		

A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 5:30 PM.
2. MTA meeting—next scheduled August 25, 2020 at Erwin Township.
3. BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ERRORS AND OMISSIONS—Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:00 PM.
4. PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING CHANGES AND MASTER PLAN APPROVAL—Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.
5. PRIMARY ELECTION—Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Polls are open from 7 AM-8 PM.

6. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to adjourn at 6:21 PM.  
Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP