

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2020, 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; and Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk. Also, in attendance Karl Ahonen, Auditor from Makela, Pollack, Ahone, PLLC.

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

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

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.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: None

REPORTS

1. AUDITOR'S REPORT: Karl Ahonen offered a brief summary of this year's audit; it is of the opinion of the auditor that the Wakefield Township does a great job financially, projects in the township are getting done, everything is accounted for, the township has no long standing debit, and the board members work well together. No budget issues.
2. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: No Jerry. Short meeting.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-NEWSLETTER INFORMATION IS NEEDED, PAR PLAN INSURANCE AUDIT, 911 MEETINGS/COVID: Information is needed from the board members who will be departing from the township board so it can be put in the Township Newsletter. Par Plan Insurance Audit, insurance auditor is new, she suggests having an employee handbook available. All things recommended are optional. 911 meeting, Houghton County is having big problems with the spread of COVID, we're holding our own in Gogebic County. The Master Plan is complete. Indianhead had a great summer by catering to motorcycles and jeeps.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of September 30, 2020, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$48,053.52; with receipts totaling \$41,808.51; expenditures of \$30,058.01; payroll of \$4,457.68, leaving an ending balance of \$46,454.99. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Cox, 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. SECTION 32 REPORT: No report.

6. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: The frontend loader needs lots of work, sink the money into it or buy a new one, the administrator is getting estimates. The huge pile of tires has been picked up.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
2. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Not a lot going on.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COUNTY DESIGNATED ASSESSOR AND BOARD OF REVIEW CHANGES: The state wants this change if the local unit isn't doing their job, if that is the case the state will take over, no big unit in the U.P., they don't expect many applicants. There isn't a problem in Wakefield Township. Board of Reviews can consolidate; the state says it will allow townships that touch borders can have the same Board of Reviews, local control.
2. STATUS-CR 519 GRANT APPLICATION; Longer wait for work to be done on County Road 519, waiting to see if there is anything going on with the mine. Looking for enough grant money to upgrade the road from M-28 to industrial park.
3. ELECTION UPDATE: A new drop box was provided by the state, the percentage of absentee ballots have gone up, younger people are registering to vote.
4. ADVERTISE FOR SNOWPLOWING BIDS: Advertising for snowplowing bids are going in the Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick and Axe.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:30 PM.
2. MTA MEETING: October 27, 2020, Marenisco Township.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September and December)
4. ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, for adjournment at 6:30 PM. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

TYPED BY MABLE WANINK, DEPUTY CLERK

