

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET MEETING  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2021, 5:30 PM by electronic remote access  
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Supervisor Lake called the Wakefield Township Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget Meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

EXPLANATION OF GOALS, ROAD PROJECTS AND BUDGET: Supervisor Lake discussed the seven goals for the upcoming year. Supervisor Lake outlined the road projects and the \$30,000 budget for such. Supervisor Lake discussed the proposed budget in detail highlighting projected revenue, expenses and salaries in detail.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2021-2022 BUDGET: No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Lake adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Supervisor Lake called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Mandy Lake, Supervisor (Wakefield Township, Gogebic County, State of Michigan); Jennifer Ahonen, Clerk (Wakefield Township, Gogebic County, State of Michigan); Denice Laessig, Treasurer (Wakefield Township, Gogebic County, State of Michigan); Robert Drier, Trustee (City of Wakefield, Gogebic County, State of Michigan); Michael Heikkila, Trustee (Wakefield Township, Gogebic County, State of Michigan) and Michelle Wasielewski, Deputy Clerk (City of Wakefield, Gogebic County, State of Michigan).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Lake added Agenda Item 10 under New Business. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to approve the Agenda to include the addition of BOR Appointment Approval. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 2, 2021, and the joint meeting minutes of the City of Wakefield and Wakefield Township from February 22, 2021, ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: No public comment.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier, to accept the bills (to include both check details) and payroll, with the addition of the Section 32 delinquent utility payment in the amount of \$6,259.68, as presented for payment. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES:

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Clerk Ahonen discussed the meeting of February 11, 2021 which she attended along with Treasurer Laessig and Supervisor Lake. C2AE held a presentation regarding the mapping of the water system. It was very interesting and informative especially for

the new members. GRWA began discussions with the City of Wakefield regarding the water at Indianhead.

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-PROGRESS EDITION: Supervisor Lake summarized the article that was printed in the progress edition outlining the Township's accomplishments over the last year.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:
  - Pipeline Training: April 1, 2021 (virtually): Supervisor Lake discussed the opportunity for board members to participate in a training regarding the pipeline. It is very interesting and beneficial.
  - Joint Meeting with City of Wakefield: The joint meeting was held on February 22, 2021. Supervisor Lake highlighted topics discussed at the joint meeting. Minutes of this meeting were approved earlier.
  - GRWA Indianhead water: Supervisor Lake discussed the topic of GRWA's proposal to the City of Wakefield regarding Indianhead's water. No decisions have been made. Should this take place it will be a very lengthy process. There are still many questions that need to be answered.
  - Internet Info: GogebicRange.net was researching areas for tower placement. GogebicRange.net had two possible locations so far and was doing more research.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of February 28, 2021, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$76,129.68 with receipts totaling \$81,262.46; expenditures of \$6,602.45; payroll of \$4,672.35, leaving an ending balance of \$146,117.34. Motion was made by Drier, supported by Ahonen, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and placed on file. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
5. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Smiley's Trucking has been awarded the bid for the hauling of waste from the transfer station to the landfill in Greenland.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS: Correspondence received by email.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Correspondence received by email.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Supervisor Lake discussed MTA information regarding in-person meetings. As of March 5, 2021 Townships can meet in person under 25 attendees. This order is in effect until April 19, 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 BUDGET and SUPPORTING MILLAGE: Prior discussion was held in detail regarding the new budget. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to approve the 2021-2022 Budget and Supporting Millage as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried
2. SALARY RESOLUTIONS for BOARD MEMBERS: Each member of the Board read out loud the Salary Resolution pertaining to their position.  
-Motion was made by Lake, supported by Heikkila to approve the Salary Resolution for the Township Supervisor as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

-Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Lake to approve the Salary Resolution for the Township Clerk as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

-Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier to approve the Salary Resolution for the Township Treasurer as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

-Motion was made by Heikkila, supported by Drier to approve the Salary Resolution for the Township Trustees as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

3. FUND BALANCE COMMITMENT: Supervisor Lake discussed the commitment of the fund balance dollars. After discussion motion was made by Laessig, supported by Heikkila to commit \$200,000 to roads and \$100,000 to economic development. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
4. ADOPT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE for 2021-2022: Changes to the compensation schedule from the previous year were discussed. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig to accept the compensation schedule for 2021-2022 as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
5. BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL and EDUCATION for 2021-2022: Supervisor Lake discussed travel and training for 2021-2022. After discussion motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig to approve board member travel and education for 2021-2022. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
6. MEETING DATES: Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month. BANKS OF RECORD: First National Bank of Wakefield; Incredible Bank; Gogebic Range Bank. NEWSPAPER OF RECORD: Wakefield-News Bessemer Pick & Axe. After discussion motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig to accept the meeting dates, banks, and newspaper as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
7. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT: Supervisor Lake read the resolution incorporating all budget numbers. Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier to accept the General Appropriations Act as presented. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
8. BUDGET AMENDMENTS for 2020-2021: Clerk Ahonen discussed the 2020-2021 budget. All items were under budget except for three. Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier to accept budget amendments (increases) as follows: 101-851 (\$50); 101-000-678 (\$25,000); 101-262-702 (\$165); 101-262-752 (\$200); 101-262-851 (\$141); 101-262-956 (\$61). ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
9. APPROVAL for ATTENDANCE at Pipeline Training: Based on prior discussion all five members have expressed interest in attending the virtual training on April 1, 2021. Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier to approve all five members attendance in the training. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
10. BOR APPOINTMENT APPROVAL: Supervisor Lake discussed the final appointment for the Board of Review. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig to appoint Shelley Nordine to the Board of Review. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
2. BOR (Tax Appeals): Monday, March 8, 2021 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.); Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.).
3. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September and December) at 5:00 p.m. or as necessary.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Drier, supported by Ahonen, for adjournment at 7:05 p.m. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK