

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 6, 2021, 5:30 PM

Supervisor Lake called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mandy Lake, Supervisor Jennifer Ahonen, Clerk; Denice Laessig, Treasurer; Robert Drier, Trustee; Michael Heikkila, Trustee; and Michelle Wasielewski, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Lake added Agenda Item H:6. City of Bessemer Master Plan. Supervisor Lake also noted the misprint of the Agenda Item lettering. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to approve the Agenda with correct lettering as well as adding Agenda Item H:6. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Ahonen, to approve the regular board meeting minutes from June 1, 2021. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier, to accept the bills as presented for payment. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: No public comment.

REPORTS:

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Clerk Ahonen and Treasurer Laessig attended the meeting on June 10, 2021. Treasurer Laessig summarized the meeting highlighting the following:
 - Discussed the SCADA System which monitors the water system.
 - City of Wakefield is expected to make a decision regarding the takeover of the Indianhead water system this month. Bessemer Township is considering taking it over should Wakefield turn it down.
 - Decided to give Bessemer Township \$50,000 for the Blackjack water. Keeping \$35,000 in the GRWA savings.
 - Approved the C2AE proposal for \$25,000 to update the well head protection plan from 2005. There is possible grant funding for up to 50% if the requirements are met.

2. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
 - Supervisor Lake attended the Ambulance meeting via zoom. A decision was made to use some dollars for the funding of advertising the purpose of the millage.
 - Supervisor Lake attended a Road Commission meeting of the Region 13B task force which hasn't met since 2018. Discussion is starting on how to use the COVID Funding for highway infrastructure among cities and townships.
 - Supervisor Lake met with City Manager Brown to discuss a concerned City resident regarding shooting on a Township resident's property. Supervisor Lake has contacted the attorney for more information.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of June 30, 2021, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$138,648.41 with receipts totaling \$1,746.32; expenditures of \$5,586.61; payroll of \$5,407.27, leaving an ending balance of \$129,400.85. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Heikkila,

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

4. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Application was due prior to July 4, 2021 for a grant to accept electronics (i.e. computers, TVs, etc.).
5. SECTION 32 REPORT: No meeting this month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Gogebic County Board of Commissioners: Supervisor Lake has emailed the correspondence.
2. MTA Legislative Updates: ARPA Funding site is up as of today. Treasurer Laessig will work on getting the Sigma login set up.
3. GRWA 2020 Water Quality Report: All water quality is normal. The report is available for review.
4. Black River Harbor Dock Improvements Project: Project outline has been shared with everyone for review.
5. Local Declaration Update: Gogebic County is no longer under the State of Emergency.
6. City of Bessemer Master Plan: There is a copy of their website for review. They have a public hearing scheduled for September 8, 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Par-Plan Insurance Renewal: Annual renewal of the insurance increases the coverage of the main building due to rising building costs should something ever happen to the building. Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Lake to approve the Michigan Township Participation Plan renewal. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
2. Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution: Supervisor Lake read the Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Motion was made by Drier, supported by Ahonen to adopt the Gogebic County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Motion carried.
3. Principles of Governance Adoption: Supervisor Lake read the Principles of Governance. Motion was made by Heikkila, supported by Laessig to adopt the Principles of Governance. Motion carried.
4. Budget Amendments: Clerk Ahonen discussed the current budget and pointed out line items for possible change. After discussion it was decided that amendments can be looked at again in three months, which will be six months into the fiscal year.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
2. MTA MEETING: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – Bessemer Township Picnic
3. BOARD OF REVIEW for Errors and Omissions: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Heikkila, for adjournment at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK