

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Cox called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL: John Cox, Supervisor; Mandy Lake, Clerk; Joan Dalman, Treasurer; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Jim Spencer, Trustee; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk; Michael BeBeau from X-Cel Energy and two township members.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor Cox added three items to Correspondence. A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to approve the Agenda with the changes. Motion Carried.

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

1. MICHAEL BUBEAU-X-CEL ENERGY COMMUNITY SERVICE MANAGER-FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Northern States Franchise Agreement, there are 341 X-Cel Energy customers in Wakefield Township; in order to have X-Cel Energy to continue to serve the residence of the township the State of Michigan requires an Ordinance/ Franchise Agreement, which is valid for 30 years. The Board agrees to the agreement and will vote to formally accept the agreement.
2. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Bessemer has voted to unanimously to work with C2A Engineering on their water project, possibly raise water rates to cover the cost.
3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-GLOBE PROGRESS REPORT: The goals are to continue to support township businesses, work on getting trails. Supervisor Cox met with Darren about North County Road 519 and Indianhead Mountain Road upgrade. Old U.S. 2 by Gus Ahonan's home will be chip sealed. Sampson RD. needs to be paved. Gogebicrange.net-Merit project will be completed after spring thaw, Gogebicrange.net will front the township the cost. Replace the signs coming into Wakefield.
4. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-ROADS, HOST MTA MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2018, TRAILS MEETING 2-21, FEDERAL PILT; XCEL POWERLINE ON JOHNSON RD.; PLAN FOR GARBAGE PICKUP DURING SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS: The MTA meeting is set for Feb. 27, 2018, provide snacks, Mark Haglin will attend. Federal PILT will help offset the cost of services provided by the township, X-cel powerline on Johnson RD, will progress in the summer. Things are looking good with Highland Copper; the price of copper is holding steady and drilling out north while it's cold. Spring weight restrictions pose a problem on Channey Lake RD., can't put dumpsters out because out of towners fill them

up, light duty open top trucks will be used. Spring cleanup is Friday May 18, 2018 and Saturday May 19, 2019.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: The tire grant money has been received. General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$28,074.68 on October 31, 2017, with Receipts of \$38,304.08, Expenses of \$5,710.61 and Payroll of \$4,018.19; leaving an ending balance of \$56,649.96. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to approve the Treasurer's report and placed on file. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.
6. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Community Zoning Directory.
7. SOLID WASTE REPORT: Held election of officer's; everyone stayed the same.
8. SECTION 32 REPORT: There's still a problem with the septic systems because no one knows who has them, new map from Coleman Engineering; Bi-annual audit, septic will need to be redone if the Casino goes in.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: None.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Boost fees for funding, salvage, stolen vehicles, and 911.
4. MPSC-NATURAL GAS INCREASE: Natural gas increase discussed in Lansing on February 8, 2018.
5. UPSET-FINANCIAL DONATION: The Township will make a donation to UPSET.
6. THANK YOU: The Township received a Thank You from the Pedrin Family.
7. FIREWORKS DONATION: The Township will make a \$250.00 donation to the Fireworks Committee.
8. CHARTER IS ADDING A CHANNEL: Charter is adding the Me TV channel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. X-CEL ENERGY ORDINANCE AND FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, that we accept the Ordinance/Franchise Agreement from X-Cel Energy. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.
2. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR '18-'19 BUDGET, MARCH 6, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to accept March 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. for the Public Hearing for the Budget.
3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Not necessary.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- March 6, 2018, 5:30 P.M.
2. MTA MEETING- February 27, 2018, 6:00 P.M.; Wakefield Township.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Meetings held on the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September and December), at 5:00 P.M.
4. BOARD OF REVIEW TAX APPEALS- Monday, March 12, 2018-9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. and Tuesday March 13, 2018-9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Wednesday March 14, 2018 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

5. BOARD OF REVIEW ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING-Tuesday March 6, 2018, 4:30 P.M. (not for public tax appeal).
6. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE; CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by Mable Wanink; Deputy Clerk