

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2018 AT 5:30 PM

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: John Cox, Supervisor; Mandy Lake, Clerk; Joan Dalman, Treasurer; Trustees, Jim Spencer and Jerry Niemi. Also in attendance 2 township members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to approve the minutes of the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting of March 6, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the bills and payroll as presented for payment. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES:

1. SPECIAL AWARDS: Supervisor John Cox presented Barry Bolich, former General Manager of Indianhead, with a plaque thanking him for his dedication to the Township, and his years of service on the GRWA board, and also for his donations of his per diems to the Township of Wakefield. G.A. Dalbeck also received a plaque for being an outstanding and newly established business in Wakefield Township.
2. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: A representative from Hannula Insurance is going to perform a Risk Control audit on the water system. City of Bessemer project—question on if it's more beneficial for Bessemer to go on their own, with GRWA, or split services.
3. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: See under Supervisor's report.
4. SUPERVISORS REPORT: BOR—only 2 cases. SIGN INSTALLATION—County Board picked green and white for the signs. ROAD INSPECTIONS—ride around scheduled for Thursday. Looking for Assistant Engineer in Road Commission office. SPRING CLEANUP—workers needed, will be only ones at Hillborn's this year.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$127,950.12 on March 31, 2018, with Receipts of \$10,257.91 and expenses of \$6,949.56 and Payroll of \$4,29.47, leaving an ending balance of \$127,039.00. A balance sheet also included. A MOTION was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and placed on file. Motion Carried.
6. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Two Planning Commission members have been invited to go on the ride around for Blight inspection in May. A Do Not Occupy order from the Health

Department was ordered on one house that appears that to not have a septic system. New Camp permit for Septic systems seem expensive.

7. SECTION 32 REPORT: No meeting.
8. TRAILS: MI Trale to meet in April.
9. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: contract up with Hiawatha in May 2019; looking at options now.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: None.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: governor signed bill to allow fundraisers in roadways; Sanitary code proposed in bills; permits could be required for cell services in road right-away; possible online registration for voting.
4. VETERAN'S COUNCIL MINUTES: received minutes for last meetings.
5. GOGEBIC COUNTY FORESTRY ANNUAL REPORT: sold a lot of wood; County seems to be doing a good job on harvesting plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE AND ADMINISTER \$2,183.58 GRANT FROM WUPTA: Grant to be used for maps, kiosk, put in trailhead area in City of Wakefield. A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to allow Supervisor Cox to accept and administer WUPTA'S Grant money. Motion Carried.
2. RESOLUTION FOR LEVY OF 3-MILL RENEWAL ON AUGUST BALLOT: See attached document for ballot language. A MOTION was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to adopt the Resolution and for it to be placed on the August Ballot. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
3. AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO RE-HIRE AUSTIN AHONEN FOR SUMMER 2018: Re-hire Austin Ahonen for summer help in 2018; quality work from last year. A MOTION was made by Niemi, supported by Lake to re-hire Austin Ahonen. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
4. AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ROAD COMMISSION CONTRACTS: Chip seal price is the same as 2016; black top bid not in yet. A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to allow Supervisor Cox to sign Road Commission Contracts up to \$50,000 to include total patcher, black top, and chip-seal work. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURNMENTS

1. NEXT REGULAR WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 AT 5:30 PM
2. MTA MEETING- April 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Watersmeet Township
3. PLANNING COMMISSION will meet the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:30 pm.

4. SPRING CLEANUP DATES—Friday, May 18, 2018 (9 AM- 4PM) and Saturday, May 19, 2018 (9AM- 12PM) at Western U.P. Recycling Center located at North 519 and Planter Rd. CHECK IN WITH ATTENDANT.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK