

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 1, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

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; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Jim Spencer, Trustee; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk; and two township members.

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

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, 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. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: New Board member, Beverly Ikola. Beverly Ikola was appointed as Board Treasurer, John Granato was appointed to executive board. Engineer-lead and copper pipes may limit, galvanized lines, cities are going to have to deal with it sooner or later.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-X-CEL, JOHNSON RD/M-28 PROJECT: X-Cel Energy project will be beneficial for everyone from Planter to Project Power Station. New higher poles, new lines, less interference from the trees. Reliable power source, 2 months completion.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-ROAD INSPECTIONS; SPRING CLEAN-UP; WUPTA CHECK TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT 5-8TH, 10-12 PM BESSEMER: Called in \$50,000 for roads. Chip seal scraped off by plows, N. CO. RD 519 lots of bumps, Korpela RD is falling apart, process to fix roads, put in cold, and roll it out, lots cheaper. Darren will get a list put together. Blackjack RD. and Indianhead RD. are in rough shape, water is affecting the houses water in basements, but it is going down. Beavers are back, water by Wanink's shop is running the wrong way because of the beavers. DNR hires Wildlife Services to take care of the dams. Transportation Asset Management in Bessemer May 5-8th, 10-12pm.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$127,039.00 on April 30, 2018, with Receipts of \$1,328.71, Expenses of \$9,429.20, and Payroll of \$4,423.20, leaving an ending balance of \$114,515.31. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Cox, to approve the Treasurer's Report and placed on file. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
5. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-SPRING BLIGHT INSPECTION; PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE: Blight inspection, container \$1,300, \$2,600 taxable, they can be taxed

6. SECTION 32 REPORT: April 10th meeting, one delinquent account collected, June or July transfer from the county to the Sewer Authority. Swore in 2 new people at the last meeting. Indianhead should be pumped yearly because the septic will over flow into the lagoon and it can't handle it.
7. TRAILS: Don from My Trails will take a ride to Marenisco on the trails when the snow melts, work to get the trails open from Wakefield to Marenisco.
8. SOLID WASTE REPORT-MANDY: Contract with Hiawatha is ending next year, start looking into it, drop \$70.00 May 1st, \$70.00 the next year, then \$69.00 the next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None.
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: None.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: None
4. MPSC- GAS AND ELECTRIC RATES CREDIT: Credit this year because of over charge last winter.
5. GOGEBIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT- INVASIVE SPECIES: Apply for funding if we have invasive species.
6. STATE LINE TRAIL CROSSING WUPDR:
7. CHARTER CHANNEL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. MERIT ADDENDUM: Internet service with Gogebic Range. Net and Merit, contract for three years with Merit, paid once a year, if by chance Branden decided he was losing money and wanted out there would be no charge or fee. There are two contracts, one with Gogebic Range. Net and a second one with Merit. The cable goes from Duluth to the Mackinaw Bridge, routed in the directions of the customers, faster and better service. A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Lake, to approve the Merit Addendum. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
2. RESOLUTION FOR STATELINE-WATER CROSSING GRANT-DNR: Stateline Trail from Marenisco to Wakefield and hopefully to Ironwood someday, Non-motorized out number motorized 3 to 1, DNR struggling to make everyone happy, \$20,000 grant to study how to make it work. If they can come up with a solution they will combine a trail for everyone. DNR is going to run it not MIT. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to support the Stateline Trail. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
3. ABULANCE BRIEFING: Beacon is losing money because of Medicare and Medicaid aren't paying enough to cover the cost of services, and everything is costing more. Have our auditor's go through their books to check the numbers, thirty-five cents on the dollar is what Beacon is making. \$185,000 deficit, they are asking the townships to help cover costs. The County would develop an Ambulance Board (Committee), millage is a tough sell, man running it is retiring and may not want to run it anymore. Table it until the next meeting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday June 5, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

2. SPRING CLEANUP DATES: Friday May 18, 2018 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Saturday, May 19, 2018 (9a.m. to 12p.m.) at Western U.P. Recycling Center located at North 519 and Planter RD. Check in with the attendant.
3. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to adjourn at 6:52 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE; WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

Typed by Mable Wanink; Deputy Clerk