

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 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; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk. Also in attendance 3 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 Niemi, supported by Spencer, to approve the minutes of the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting of May 2, 2017 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. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Checked on the leak on Thunderbird Road, it's fixed but the road hasn't been done yet. Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> draw list \$11,000 dollars, S system used, Jan. 1st to state. Plastic pipe legislation for approval to use cheapest product available, list all items used, pipes, pumps, ect.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Merrick increase horse power here, will contact John Cox, Internet, Dave Anderson no longer with Highland Copper.
3. SUPERVISORS REPORT- CLEAN-UP EFFORT: Appears we paid one bill for \$2,040 for hauling tires, another bill for \$1,729, not sure if it's the total. Under estimation, got our money's worth if it's the total. Ordered 4 signs, No Dumping will be prosecuted. Sending an e-mail, \$511 over for dumpsters, clean-up was a great effort by everyone.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$99,216.65 on May 31, 2017, with Receipts of \$4,907.58 and expenses of \$26,126.88 and Payroll of \$4,186.98, leaving an ending balance of \$73,810.37. 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.
5. ZONING AND PLANNING-BLIGHT: Pikka road has been taken care of, Matteson road going to be taken care of too. Assurances that Olson road will be done as well, poles that were replaced after last years' storm going to be taken care of, doing a good job on blight.
6. SECTION 32 REPORT: NO meeting.
7. TRAILS: Membership drive, \$20 a year, \$50 for non-profit, \$100 for organization. Hurley to Korpela RD. now marked, \$40,000 box culverts and bridges, in grants, \$150,000 from City of Wakefield, fund raisers, 4 wheelers Tula loop, a 45 mile loop. Controversy with snowmobile

club being worked out. Cox, Multi use trails in Munising and Grand Mar., Newberry, we need to work together for trail use to get people here. 25 MPH trails are running pretty hot.

8. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Purposed budget, \$14.82 a ton, summer help still in negotiation with Bessemer

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Did a ride around with Matonich, areas need gravel, pick worse areas for attention first.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Legislation and Governor at odds.
4. NORTHERN STATES POWER: Three change requests, recovery.
5. CHARTER: Channel change.
6. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION: Who to contact with complaints.
7. PAR PLAN BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION BALLOT: Zone one, Paul Lahtila, 82 years old, only name on the ballot.
8. GASB 77 TAX ABATEMENT INFO REQUEST FROM GCC: Fill out all abatement reports and GRWA reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. WAIVER OF RIGHTS TO FORECLOSED PROPERTY: Foreclosed lot up at Indianhead, waived our rights to the property.
2. ELEVATOR CONTRACT WITH BACH MOBILITIES: 2006, keys are in the lock for anyone to use, violation when it's down jumper switch, put pan, can't remove the pan, lube the elevator, inspected for \$144, w/key in July and again in Jan. \$288 for 3 years, paid for all at once, \$864.

#### EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Need for people to be educated, embezzlement in Ironwood.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURNMENTS

1. NEXT REGULAR WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017 AT 5:30 PM
2. MTA MEETING- June 27, 2017- Watersmeet Township-Bass Lake Park or at township office building if there is inclement weather.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION will meet the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:30 pm.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

Typed by Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk