

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018, 5:30 PM

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

APPROVAL OF THE ADGENDA: Supervisor Cox added two items to the agenda. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to approve to change to the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Motion Carried. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to approve the minutes from the Election Inspector meeting. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Short meeting. It was approved for the 15th draw of funds for the water project in Bessemer, talk of the audit, and Randy Scott from C2A was present.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT-M-28 PROJECTS-BRIDGE AND NORTHERN NATURAL: The M-28 bridge project completion date has been pushed back 4 days, reopening date is now Sept. 12th. They had to put in micro-pilings in the footings because of the poor quality of the soil. They are now working 24/7,7 days a week. Northern Natural is doing another project at Indianhead, doing fencing, no permit needed for that. But they are waiting on permits for another project.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-PRISON COMMITTEE: John and Mandy have gone to meetings, Casperson, we need to make our case for keeping the prison open. John wrote a letter and already received a response, we have a contact list for State Officials to contact about keeping the Ojibway Correctional Facility open. How to use the facility if it does get closed.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of July 31, 2018, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$107,490.30, with receipts totaling \$14,502.53, expenditures of \$54,002.89, payroll of \$4,839.31, leaving an ending balance of \$63,150.63. A MOTION was made by Niemi, supported by Lake, to accept the Treasurer's as presented and place it on file. Motion Carried.
5. ELECTION REPORT: The new election machines worked great, 79 voters, the millage for the township passed.
6. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: There is a meeting next Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

7. SECTION 32 REPORT: Audit completed, no progress on the septic pumping, could have problems once the solids start to flow. A meeting on delinquent bills, asset management is going to happen.
8. TRAILS-KIOSK AND SIGNS: The Kiosk is up, signs are up giving directions to towns, picnic tables up, it looks nice. With the extra \$500.00 put in waterline by firehall and ATV wash, then close the account.
9. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: The new garbage trucks arrived, a few minor bugs had to be worked out. They got the same trade-in for the Mack as previously quoted. The recycling area needs to be cleaned up, it's starting to smell. Trying to get someone to work just a couple of hours when needed.
10. MTA REPORT: U.P. Summit was held in the U.P., there are 109 square miles per township in the U.P. and 36 square miles per township in the L.P. Good information, talking about rural areas.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: None
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION-FUTURE PROJECTS-COMplete THIS YEAR-519 NORTH; GRAVEL FOR OLD M-28; TOWNSHIP SIGNS: Went over future projects, 519 North, gravel for old M-28 and Sampson rd. get the signs up, hole patching culvert by Bingo's.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE: Nothing happening right now, but after Labor Day things should pick up.
4. MPSC: Nothing.
5. CHARTER-CHANNEL CHANGES: Changing channels.
6. BERGLAND TOWNSHIP-MASTER PLAN: Working on getting a master plan, can't get money for projects unless you have one.
7. GOGEBIC SOIL CONSERVATION-INVASIVE SPECIES INFORMATION: The township has an informational pamphlet.
8. VERTANS COUNCIL MINUTES: John gave the minutes to Jim Spencer to read.
9. MERIT: Merit thanks the township for choosing them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO CITY OF WAKEFIELD CEMETERY COMMITTEE: It would be beneficial to have a township board member on the committee, Jerry Niemi volunteered. It's hard getting around markers, start limiting how many flowers can be put around the markers, clean up the area.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 5:30 pm.
2. MTA MEETING- August 28, 2018-Ironwood Township.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION will meet the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 pm.
4. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, for adjournment at 6:26 pm. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYPED BY MABLE WANINK, DEPUTY CLERK