

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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; Jim Spencer, Trustee; Jerry Niemi, Trustee; Mable Wanink, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to approve the additions to the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Niemi, supported by Dalman, to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

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

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Draw #17 was approved; received a small refund because of too many parts; October 25th training for small water systems and Jerry will be going; issues with outstanding water bills; new water pollutant was also discussed.
2. RENAISSANCE ZONE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-COPPERWOOD PUBLIC HEARING FOR AIR QUALITY PERMIT: Meeting at Gogebic Community College on October 24, 2018 at 6pm for Copperwood Air Quality Permit. John, Mandy, Jerry, and Jim will go and testify in support.
3. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- NO TRUTH IN TAXATION MEETING NEEDED THIS YEAR: Property value decreased, therefore no meeting is needed. Millage will stay the same. M-28 BRIDGE PROJECT: Spoke with MDOT foreman and they are pouring concrete rain or shine, once done they can pave the bridge deck. NEWSLETTER: Going out in December. PRISON CLOSURE: a lot of meetings, Marenisco trying to sue the state. Plan B committee still trying for help during transition period. Marenisco Township will be greatly affected by prison closure, compared to our township. SB-396 ROAD RESTRICTIONS DURING SPRING: Spoke with Casperson; allows logging companies to haul trucks and equipment on roads in the spring if they pay a bond. AMBULANCE MILLAGE INFORMATION: Will be a presentation on millage at MTA meeting at the end of the month; Michigan does not require ambulance service; full pay patients will be gone when prison closes; shortage of workers; asking for a millage of \$523,000+ a year; hire a contractor or County to run themselves. UPCOMING BESSEMER MDOT MEETING: MDOT project through Bessemer; 3 or 4 lanes. EMAIL CHANGES: need to change email accounts for all board members; for example, supervisor@wakefieldtownship.com; will try to make effective at the beginning of the year; need to inform contacts of change.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of September 30, 2018, there was a General Fund Balance of \$61,544.44, with Receipts totaling \$9,444.38, Expenditures totaling \$10,216.43, and Payroll totaling \$4,838.79, leaving an ending balance of \$55,933.60. A Motion was made by Spencer, supported by Niemi, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented for payment and placed on file. Motion Carried.
5. SECTION 32 REPORT: meeting this month.
6. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Received the audit and it looks good; working on union contract; approved the administrator's contract with 2% raise.
7. ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: licensing for trailers, cars and trucks; recreational vehicles can't be stored in yards; Township isn't looking bad this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2. GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION-CULVERT ORDINANCE: County has had problems with people not paying for their culverts. County will fix culvert and then send property owner a bill. If they don't pay, takes them to court. MORE FUNDS FOR GRAVEL NEXT YEAR: Townships will be getting \$31,000 for graveling of roads next year; hoping for a little flexibility with funds.
3. MTA LEGISLATIVE-ASSESSING REFORM BILL: Reform bill wants office hours for the assessor during the day.
4. ACT 51 REPORT: Road Commission sent report on behalf of Wakefield Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FEMA INSURANCE-FEMA representative hasn't gotten back to Supervisor Cox on some questions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS-see attached report.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT/ADJOURNMENT

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. (Note date change because of Election).
2. MTA MEETING: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 in Bessemer Township.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Will meet the third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 P.M.
4. ELECTION-November 6, 2018.
5. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Spencer, to adjourn at 6:44 P.M. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

