

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2020 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; Dale White, City of Wakefield Mayor; Heidi Derosso, 911 Coordinator; Andrew, 911 Assistant; one township resident.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A MOTION was made by Spencer supported by Niemi, to approve the Agenda with additions under New Business and corrections under Announcements. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes and the Budget Meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF 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. Heidi Derosso-911 Coordinator-Surcharge on Ballot: There will be a 911 Surcharge proposal to be voted on in the March 10, 2020 election. Several big projects will be serviced with this additional money, if passed. The current surcharge is \$1.50/phone with a max of \$1.65, which was passed in the 2009 election. The current proposal is for 5 years with a \$3.00/phone max.
2. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Audit report presentation with audit being clean. The Par Plan insurance policy with Hannula Agency was discussed. Possible arbitration with claims from projects from last year.
3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SUPERVISOR REPORT: John will listen in on a webinar on rural development for internet. Bingo's water meeting was cancelled; results have been requested from EGLE.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of January 31, 2020, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$32,929.90; with receipts totaling \$37,920.17, expenditures of \$11,666.76, payroll of \$4,820.72, leaving an ending balance of \$54,362.59. A Motion was made by Niemi, supported by Spencer, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and placed on file. A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting: YES. Motion Carried.
5. ZONING/PLANNING-MASTER PLAN: The second draft has been sent to various people. Good explanation of the Township so far, very little changes. Friday is the deadline for changes.
6. SOLID WASTE REPORT: Elected officers; Printer/copy machine purchase approved with a 3 year service contract; Audit review showed clean audit.

- SECTION 32 REPORT: Operating expenses and total revenue were discussed. System operator contract had a question on wording so that needs to be reviewed. Fence needs repair at the lagoon. Discussion on BS&A software for mapping properties. Delinquent accounts will be added to the tax rolls.

CORRESPONDENCE

- GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
- GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS: Snow removal has been good so far this winter.
- MTA LEGISLATIVE: gravel pit legislation is still unknown.
- XCEL ENERGY: Trade Ally meeting in Ashland.
- MPSC: increase for cost recovery for gas.
- PIPELINE SAFETY TRAINING: Thursday, April 2 at Indianhead Mt. at 5:30 p.m. All board members will be registered to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

- SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 20-21 BUDGET-MARCH 3, 2020 AT 5:30 PM: A MOTION was made by Spencer, supported by Dalman, to approve the budget meeting time and date. Motion Carried.
- BUDGET AMENDMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to accept the following budget amendment:

Account Amended Budget Amt.	Previous Budget Amt.	(Plus or Minus)
101-262-702 \$1,500	\$0	+\$1,500
101-262-752 \$50	\$0	+\$50
101-262-851 \$100	\$0	+\$100
101-262-861 \$50	\$0	+\$50
101-262-956 \$150	\$0	+\$150
General Fund 101-000-680 \$507,969.26	\$509,819.26	-\$1850

A ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion Carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Dale White discussed some city projects and the 2022 US2 Road Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 20-21 BUDGET: Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
2. NEXT REGULAR MEETING- Tuesday, March 3, 2019, following the Public Hearing for the 20-21 Budget.
3. MTA meeting: February 25, 2020, 6:00 pm; Watersmeet Township Hall.
4. BOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (NO TAX APPEALS): Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 4:30 P.M.
5. BOR TAX APPEAL DATES: The March Board of Review which will hear tax appeals will be on the following dates: Monday, March 9, 2020 from 9 AM to 3 PM; Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 3 P.M. to 9 P.M.
6. PLANNING COMMISSION will meet third Wednesday of each quarter, (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 P.M. or as necessary.
7. PRIMARY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 7 AM to 8 PM.
8. ADJOURNMENT: A Motion was made by Dalman, supported by Niemi, to adjourn at 6:21 PM. Motion Carried.

MANDY LAKE, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP