

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2021, 5:30 PM

Supervisor Lake called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mandy Lake, Supervisor Jennifer Ahonen, Clerk; Denice Laessig, Treasurer; Robert Drier, Trustee; Michael Heikkila, Trustee; and Michelle Wasielewski, Deputy Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Lake made two additions to the Agenda. Agenda Item H:3. Plunkett's and Agenda Item H:4. Charter Communications. Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Agenda with the addition of Agenda Items H:3 and H:4. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to approve the regular board meeting minutes from July 6, 2021 and the special board meeting minutes from July 26, 2021. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier, to accept the bills and payroll as presented for payment. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: No public comment.

REPORTS:

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Clerk Ahonen attended the meeting last month. Clerk Ahonen summarized the meeting highlighting the following:
 - There wasn't any City of Wakefield representation, therefore there still isn't any decision made regarding the water transfer. The Authority will send a certified letter to the City of Wakefield requesting the decision. Dependent on the City of Wakefield's decision, the Authority will then reach out to Wakefield Township and then Bessemer Township to see if they have any interest.
 - Discussed monthly financials.
 - Discussed Jean Verbos's replacement due to her retirement.
2. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
 - The request for the ARPA funds has been submitted.
 - Attended the last ambulance meeting via zoom. The contract with Beacon will be extended. The millage will be on the ballot for November 2, 2021.
 - MTA meeting was cancelled due to the storm damage in Marenisco. The next meeting may be scheduled for August 9, 2021, otherwise in September.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of July 31, 2021, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$129,406.25 with receipts totaling \$19,759.29; expenditures of \$40,586.29; payroll of \$5,045.59, leaving an ending balance of \$103,533.66. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and placed on file. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
4. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Supervisor Lake attended the meeting via telephone. It was a very quick meeting. The audit will be starting soon and negotiations will be started regarding a new contract for Chris.

5. SECTION 32 REPORT: Trustee Drier attended the last meeting. Trustee Drier summarized the meeting highlighting the following:
 - Discussed delinquent accounts.
 - Discussed the fence repair.
 - Hired C2AE to look at options for system updates.
 - Next meeting is in October.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Gogebic County Board of Commissioners: Supervisor Lake has emailed the correspondence.
2. MTA Legislative Updates:
 - There is still time to apply for the ARPA funds.
 - CDC is recommending masks at meetings again.
 - MI Mobility Plan regarding transportation services.
 - Anyone can subscribe for updates regarding environmental issues. Treasurer Laessig stated she has signed up.
3. Plunkett's: Notice was received that Plunkett's will be onsite to treat the outside some time in late August/early September. If you are in the building while they are here be sure to have all the windows and doors are closed. A tag will be left on the door once treatment is completed.
4. Charter Communications: An additional channel has been added.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MTA Up North Summit: To be held September 13 and 14, 2021 in Escanaba at the Island Resort Casino and Conference Center. If anyone would like to attend, please let Clerk Ahonen know before August 27, 2021 to get registered.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (To include the Truth in Taxation Hearing)
2. MTA MEETING: TBD
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: will meet third Wednesday of each quarter (March, June, September, December) at 5:00 p.m. (Some additional meetings may be necessary for the Master Plan.)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Drier, supported by Laessig, for adjournment at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK