

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, 5:30 PM

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier, to approve the Agenda with the additional agenda item H.4 Charter Communications and H.5 MTA Summit under Correspondence. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Heikkila, to approve the regular meeting minutes August 9, 2022. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Drier, supported by Laessig, 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 on agenda items.

REPORTS:

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: There was a meeting on August 11, 2022. They had just enough members for a quorum. Regular agenda items were approved to include minutes and the June and July bills. An invoice for high service pump maintenance was discussed. The engagement letter from the auditor had not been received yet for presentation at the board meeting. It was requested to include the bank reconciliations in the board packet.
2. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
  - Niemela road has been paved and the sides have been graveled. Will be taking a ride to Great Lakes Road to see if this work has been finished. Trustee Heikkila noted gravel has been put around mailboxes.
  - All board members attended the MTA meeting in Watersmeet last week. Gerald Wuorinen presented from WUPPDR on materials management.
  - Supervisor Lake is planning to follow up with Copperwood. The feasibility study should have been completed by June 30.
  - The sale of Indianhead has been completed. Charles Skinner Jr has purchased the resort from Art Dumke. This includes both Indianhead and Blackjack. The new names will be Black River Basin and Jackson Creek Summit. They will be a part of the Midwest Family Ski Resort Legendary Pass.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 31, 2022, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$181,436.08 with receipts totaling \$14,327.54; expenditures of \$8,233.17; payroll of \$4,866.27; leaving an ending balance of \$181,436.08. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Drier, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and place on file. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

4. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Trustee Heikkila attended two meetings. The attorney calculated a rate that would be allowed through the contract language for increase fuel costs. The GRSWA is also considering paying for tonnage while the contractor pays the transportation.
5. SECTION 32 REPORT: Trustee Drier noted no meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for next month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Gogebic County Board of Commissioners: Supervisor Lake has emailed the correspondence.
2. MTA Legislative Updates: Supervisor Lake highlighted several items. All members receive the updates via email.
3. WUPDR letter presented, invitation for annual meeting on September 22, 2022 in Iron River. The cost is \$20.
4. Charter Communications program changes.
5. MTA Summit will be held in Marquette on October 4-5<sup>th</sup>. No board members will be able to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Set Millage Rate: Discussion was held regarding Assessor Prisbe's explanation of Truth in Taxation. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig to accept the 2022 Millage Rate as presented. Limitations 1.6238, Operational 2.9392, Total 4.5630 ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
2. Industrial Sign: Discussion was held on the replacement of the Industrial Sign. The board agreed to allow Supervisor Lake to seek bids for the replacement of the sign. The sign would include the names of the three businesses current located in the industrial park, estimated size of 6' by 3' and wood or metal would be fine.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Planning Commission: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
3. MTA Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Ironwood Township.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Drier, for adjournment at 6:12p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP