

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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; Michael Heikkila, Trustee; and Michelle Wasielewski, Deputy Clerk. ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Ahonen, to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 6, 2022. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Ahonen, 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: Clerk Ahonen summarized the meeting from September 8, 2022 highlighting the following:
 - Communication received from the audit and Cummings Sales and Service invoice for annual maintenance.
 - No old business.
 - New business discussion regarding a new website.
 - Presentation of the regular financial reports and bills.
 - Further discussion around whether or not to seek a new auditor for next year.
2. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
 - Supervisor Lake met with the Road Commission to start discussion regarding the road projects we would like to see for next year. With the increase in the cost of fuel and other items, there will not be a gravel program next year. Supervisor Lake discussed the option of moving the unused gravel from Great Lakes Road to Wiitanen Road for some repair this fall. After lengthy discussion it was decided that members will meet with the City of Wakefield in a joint meeting on October 24, with an invite to the Road Commission as well, to discuss border roads.
 - Supervisor Lake has attended two meetings regarding the rerouting of the snowmobile trails so that it doesn't go on the properties of the ski hills. Currently there has not been a resolution and meetings will continue.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of September 30, 2022, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$182,664.18 with receipts totaling \$9,443.03; expenditures of \$10,352.90; payroll of \$5,960.62; leaving an ending balance of \$175,793.69. 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. SECTION 32 REPORT: Next meeting is on October 19, 2022.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION: There was no agenda at the last meeting, however it was decided that at future meetings with no agenda items, perhaps the members can discuss scenarios.
6. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Trustee Heikkila attended the meeting that was held on September 14, 2022. The Board tabled the decision to amend a contract for supplement pay due to the increase of fuel until the contractor comes to discuss the matter with the Board. Started discussion regarding the purchase of a new Bobcat and truck.

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. Beckett & Raeder Letter: Supervisor Lake received notification that the City of Wakefield is updating their Master Plan.
4. Charter Communications: Received two letters regarding channel changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wakefield Township sign: Supervisor Lake spoke with Ikola Graphics regarding a new sign. This will be tabled until we receive some samples.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Amendments: Clerk Ahonen reviewed the budget amendments. Several changes are changes in line items and not changes with the overall budget. They are as follows:

101-101 Township Board: 910 Education -\$200; 956 Misc. +\$200.

101-215 Clerk: 752 Office Supplies +\$400; 910 Education -\$300; 956 Misc. -\$100.

101-247 Board of Review: 861 Mileage +\$100; 956 Misc. -\$100.

101-253 Treasurer: 752 Office Supplies -\$850; 851 Postage +\$850.

101-262 Elections: 752 Office Supplies -\$200; 956 Misc. +\$200.

Line items that change the overall budget are as follows:

101-265 Twp. Hall/Grounds: 802 Contractor Labor +\$1,500.

101-366 Fire Protection: 805 Contract +7,500.

101-449 Public Works-Road Comm: 805 Contract Roads +\$11,730.

101-722 Zoning: 801 Contract-Bldg. Inspector +\$775; 861 Mileage +\$300.

Motion was made by Heikkila, supported by Drier, to approve the Budget Amendment increase of \$21,805, bringing the approved budget from \$260,142 to \$281,947. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

2. Snowplowing Bids: Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Heikkila, to approve Supervisor Lake to advertise for snowplowing. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

3. F65 Report: Makela Pollack and Ahonen has submitted our F65 Report. The regular audit will be submitted in the next 30 days. This item is tabled for approval at the next meeting when the full audit is received.

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding the purchase of flags. Supervisor Lake will look into vendors.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: No extended public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Planning Commission: Next meeting in December.
3. MTA Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ironwood Township Hall.
4. Joint Meeting with the City of Wakefield: Monday, October 24, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Drier, supported by Laessig, for adjournment at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK