

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
JOINT BOARD MEETING
with CITY OF WAKEFIELD
OCTOBER 24, 2022, 5:30 PM

Mayor Dale White called the joint meeting of the City of Wakefield Board and the Wakefield Township Board 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

City of Wakefield Council Members present: Mayor Dale White, Council Member Calvin Shirkey, Council Member James Anderson, Council Member Mike Zeckovich, Council Member Scott Heikkila, City Manager Robert Brown, and City Clerk Sue Ahonen.

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: No public comment on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mine: Council Member Anderson asked if there is any update on the mine. Supervisor Lake has no update since the last meeting.
2. Border Roads: Extensive discussion was held regarding shared roads with the City and Township. Two roads, Wiitanen and Wertanen, were majority of the discussion. City Manager Brown will start drafting an agreement for review by the Township Board regarding our border/shared roads.
3. Water Infrastructure Updates: City Manager Brown discussed the updates for the Bingoville water main. This project is going to be bid out soon.
4. Cemetery: Supervisor Lake explained that our annual contribution ensures Township Residents the same rates as City Residents.
5. Park Programs and Improvements: Council Member Zeckovich encouraged any Township members to make recommendations for park programs and/or improvements.
6. Fire Department: Supervisor Lake shared that in addition to our annual contribution, the Township also contributed \$7,500 for the new jaws of life system. City Manager Brown thanked the Township for our continued support.
7. Library: City Manager Brown shared that the Library Board is allowed to have a Township Resident as a member.
8. Economic Development: Trail 2 is officially closed. City Manager Brown is hopeful that the dialogue will stay open for resolution in the future. All members present were hopeful that there will be an alternative route found.
9. Agreement for Various Municipal Services to be Provided: City Clerk Ahonen shared the old agreement with all members present. This agreement shows the services that will be provided by the City to the Township and what the Township will contribute for these services. After discussion Council Member Zeckovich suggested the current rates be locked in for the next three years with no increase but with understanding the Township may be approached to

contribute to special projects. City Manager Brown will start drafting the agreement for approval by both Boards.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: A citizen in attendance suggested bringing back "Coffee with Council" or another informal gathering of the public and members. Mayor White will consider this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Drier, supported by Laessig, for adjournment at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK