

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 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 Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Drier, supported by Heikkila, to approve the regular meeting minutes and election commission meeting minutes from October 4, 2022 and the joint meeting minutes from October 24, 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: Treasurer Laessig summarized the meeting from October 13, 2022 highlighting the following:
 - BSNA will be upgraded on October 18th.
 - Tori is going to create a GRWA website.
 - C2AE filed an intent to apply for grant dollars recommending 3 projects. EGLE will then hold interviews and score for approval.
 - September financials were approved.
 - No meeting in November.
2. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
 - Discussion was held regarding a newsletter to be sent along with the tax notices. Treasurer Laessig would like all contributions for the newsletter by next week for finalization.
 - Supervisor Lake discussed the joint meeting with the City. She has been getting good feedback from the City Council. The agreement is still being drafted. An annual meeting will be scheduled.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of October 31, 2022, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$175,793.69 with receipts totaling \$5,916.24 (not included on this report is an additional \$6,017 received on 10/31 for revenue sharing); expenditures of \$68,472.98; payroll of \$4,859.32; leaving an ending balance of \$108,377.63 (\$114,394.63 including the \$6,017 received on 10/31). Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Drier, to approve the Treasurer's Report as with the additional amount and place on file. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

4. SECTION 32 REPORT: Trustee Drier discussed the meeting from October 19th highlighting the following:
 - The audit is complete and available for review.
 - The grants previously applied for were rejected. C2AE is going to apply at no extra cost.
 - Special meeting to be held November 2 regarding grant monies.
5. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Trustee Heikkila attended the meeting that was held on October 20, 2022. The board forgave three bad debts. The board is also creating an equipment fund where they will continue to put a monthly amount into this account.

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. DNR State Forest Road Program Changes: There are no changes on this end of the U.P.
4. VA Council Meeting Minutes: June to August meeting minutes are available for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wakefield Township sign: Supervisor Lake hasn't received any final figures yet. We will discuss at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Snowplowing Bids: Two bids were received. After discussion, motion was made by Drier, supported by Heikkila, to approve the bid from Schneck Builders for \$85 per time. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
2. Township Audit: Clerk Ahonen and Treasurer Laessig have been working with the auditors, Johnson and Rennie, LLC. Supervisor Lake discussed the letter of engagement. Motion was made by Drier, supported by Heikkila, to approve signing of letter of engagement, not to exceed \$5,000 for the Township Audit. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
3. Trail 2 Snowmobile Closure: The trail has been officially closed for this year. Efforts for finding an alternate route continue.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: No extended public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
2. Planning Commission: Next meeting in December.
3. MTA Meeting: Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Erwin Township.
4. December BOR: December 13, 2022 at Bessemer Township.
5. General Election: Tuesday, November 8th.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Heikkila, supported by Drier, for adjournment at 6:54 p.m.
Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK