

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2023, 5:30 PM

Supervisor Lake called the special board meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL: Mandy Lake, Supervisor, Jennifer Ahonen, Clerk, Denise Laessig, Treasurer, Robert Drier, Trustee, Michael Heikkila, Trustee.

ABSENT: None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUDGET/GOALS FOR 2023-2024

BUDGET: Supervisor Lake distributed copies of the current 2022-2023 Wakefield Township budget to all board members to review as the budget was discussed line by line. Explanation was given for each line item and input was taken from board members. Some revenue items were noted to be reviewed for the final budget to include building permits and summer taxes. Adjustments were made to line items as needed. A draft of the 2023-2024 budget was completed. The 2023-2024 budget will be presented for review and approval at the March 2023 regular board meeting.

GOALS: Discussion was held on the goals for the upcoming 2023-2024 budget year. The goals that were discussed for 2023-2024 included to continue discussions on internet services for the Southern and Eastern ends of the Township; devote funds and work as partners with the Gogebic County Road Commission on road projects throughout the Township; continue to contracts for services with and collaborate with the City of Wakefield to include an annual joint meeting and road projects; maintain a fund balance to fund two years of expenditures in case of an emergency; provide training opportunities to all board members, BOR and Planning Commission members; update workspace and assess building maintenance projects at the Township hall; establish use of ARPA funds; and the replacement of the sign for township businesses.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, A MOTION was made by Drier, supported by Laessig, to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

JENNIFER AHONEN, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP