

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2024, 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

ABSENT: Michael Heikkila, Trustee

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BUDGET/GOALS FOR 2024-2025

BUDGET: Supervisor Lake distributed copies of the current 2023-2024 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. Adjustments were made to line items as needed. A draft of the 2024-2025 budget was completed. The 2024-2025 budget will be presented for review and approval at the March 2024 regular board meeting.

GOALS: Discussion was held on the goals for the upcoming 2024-2025 budget year. The goals that were discussed for 2024-2025 included support businesses, to continue to work as partners with the Gogebic County Road Commission on road projects throughout the Township; develop a five year road plan, 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; work with Tom Ruppe on back up and IT plan, building maintenance projects at the Township hall to include the front entrance flower beds and the water line in the back shed; survey the vacant properties owned by the township, establish use of ARPA funds, review contracts and information from liability audit, and the replacement of the sign for township businesses.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 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 8:25 PM.

JENNIFER AHONEN, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP