

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2024, 5:30 PM

Treasurer Laessig called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Denice Laessig, Treasurer; Robert Drier, Trustee; Michael Heikkila, Trustee; and Michelle Wasielewski, Deputy Clerk. ABSENT: Mandy Lake, Supervisor; Jennifer Ahonen, Clerk.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Heikkila, supported by Drier, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of July 2, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Heikkila, supported by Drier, 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.

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES:

1. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: Treasurer Laessig summarized the meeting from August 8th. Other than regular items, a resolution from the City of Wakefield was received regarding rate increases. GRWA is looking to increase as well. The Audit should be complete in 30 days. The Administrator talked about a variance between the main water meter at Indianhead in comparison to what is actually billed out. The difference is being investigated.
2. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: (As read by Treasurer Laessig.).
 - The road project up at the Indianhead subdivision is complete. The final details are being worked out with the Road Commission and C2AE with Jake's Excavating. Sounds like some of the retainer money might be held back for a couple of things, like a damaged road signs, etc.
 - Planning Commission will be having one thing on their agenda so far for this month. A resident would like to build a pole building before building a primary structure (house). He already put in the well and septic last year. Since there is not a house on the property, this goes to Planning Commission to get approved or not approved.
 - Supervisor Lake received a couple of calls and emails regarding a piece of property that went up for tax sale on Blackjack Road. She is not sure if it sold or not but there was quite a bit of interest.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of July 31, 2024, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$273,052.14 with receipts totaling \$9,532.24; expenditures of \$18,431.43; payroll of \$5,545.68, leaving an ending balance of \$258,607.27. Motion was made by Drier, supported by Heikkila, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and place on file. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.
4. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Trustee Heikkila summarized the last meeting. The new truck has been received and is being used. The damaged truck is back in operation as well. There was an issue

with a hydraulic hose in the new truck but there is a representative that comes from Duluth for repairs.

5. PARKS & RECREATION: Trustee Heikkila summarized the last meetings and highlighted the success of the snowmobile races on the lake as well as Gus Macker weekend. The committee has applied for several grants, ideas are on hold until funding is received.
6. SECTION 32 REPORT: Trustee Drier updated that the last project is complete other than some touching up. The new project is on schedule however there has not been any money set aside for the removal of the lagoon. As of now, the plan is to continue to keep paying for it. There is a meeting scheduled in October.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Gogebic County Board of Commissioners: Supervisor Lake has emailed the correspondence.
2. Land Bank Celebration Invitation: Treasurer Laessig shared an invite to the celebration to be held on August 15th in front of the Courthouse. There will be speakers, bus tours and refreshments. Trustee Heikkila is going to try to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Treasurer Laessig shared an invite to the Wakefield Volunteer Fire Department Open House on August 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the park. There will be a jaws of life presentation at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
2. PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Drier, supported by Heikkila, for adjournment at 5:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK