

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2024, 5:30 PM

Supervisor Lake called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 13, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Laessig, 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 noted there has not been a GRWA meeting since our last Township board meeting on August 13th.
2. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
 - Update on the Great Lakes Gas tax tribunal case; proceedings are occurring with the test case and the attorney is waiting for results to determine next step for Wakefield and Crystall Falls Township.
 - Indianhead project is complete; Supervisor Lake was called to see if there were any remaining issues. Items noted were a sign was bent and ditching.
 - Supervisor Lake discussed ordinances related to the length of stay for recreational vehicles on property without septic or well.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 31, 2024, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$258,607.27 with receipts totaling \$14,431.84; expenditures of \$102,579.74; payroll of \$7,086,.27, leaving an ending balance of \$163,373.10. Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Drier, 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. New truck was ordered in April and received in August.
5. PARKS & RECREATION: Trustee Heikkila summarized the last meetings; Survey results have been received and compiled. Other items discussed were a ramp for tobogganing in back of the cemetery, Mount Joy in the back of Tank hill, the skating rink will be set up across from the fire hall this winter, the committee is waiting for answers on grants and the volleyball courts and volleyball tournament in the park turned out nice.
6. SECTION 32 REPORT: Trustee Drier updated that the next meeting is scheduled in October. Supervisor Lake questioned if the new transmission line would support the projects in discussion with the tribe. Trustee Drier said the new lines would be able to.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Gogebic County Board of Commissioners: Supervisor Lake has emailed the correspondence.
2. MTA legislation mostly election reminders and updates.
3. Supervisor Lake shared the invitation for the WUPPDR Annual Meeting on September 16th at 5:00pm.
4. Supervisor Lake share the invitation for the MTA Fall Regional Meeting in Marquette on October 3rd starting at 8:30am EST.
5. Supervisor Lake summarized the Department of Treasury Tax Commission Audit Finding results. All requirements were met with substantial compliance.
6. Supervisor Lake read the Gogebic County Notice of Intent. WUPPDR will be in charge of the Materials Management Plan for our county.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. AT&T phone line – Clerk Ahonen has not contacted AT&T for the information yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Snowplowing for 2024-2025: Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to advertise for snowplowing bids for the 2024-2025 winter season. Motion carried.
2. Road planning for 2024-2025: Discussion was held. The annual amount in the budget for roads is \$50,000. Supervisor Lake asked for recommendations on 2024-2025 road projects; will following up with Road Commission on total patching and the possibility of repairs to Johnson Road and other thoughts from the Road Commission. Budget amount could be saved for a bigger project in the following year or used for ditching in the 2024-2025 year.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, October 1, 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 5:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP