

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025, 5:00 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 2025-2026

BUDGET: Supervisor Lake distributed copies of the current 2024-2025 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 property tax revenue. Adjustments were made to line items as needed. A draft of the 2025-2026 budget was completed. The 2025-2026 budget will be presented for review and approval at the March 2025 regular board meeting.

GOALS: Discussion was held on the goals for the upcoming 2025-2026 budget year. The goals that were discussed for 2025-2026 to 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 and road projects; maintain a fund balance to fund two years of expenditures in case of an emergency; building maintenance projects at the Township hall to include front flower beds and water line in back shed ; complete IT plan for back ups and replacing laptops; survey vacant lots of township property; and review the township website.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, A MOTION was made by Ahonen, supported by Drier, to adjourn at 6:58 PM.

JENNIFER AHONEN, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP