

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 2, 2025, 5:30 PM

Supervisor Lake called the regular Wakefield Township Board meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mandy Lake, Supervisor; Jennifer Ahonen, Clerk; Denice Laessig, Treasurer; Robert Drier, Trustee; Michael Heikkila, Trustee; and Michelle Wasielewski, Deputy Clerk. ABSENT: None.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Heikkila, to approve the regular board meeting minutes from August 5, 2025 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 on agenda items.

REPORTS AND APPEARANCES:

1. SUPERVISOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- The culverts are all replaced at Snow River and paving will be starting soon.
- Supervisor Lake is working on the new address signs for Snow River. The Road Commission will put in the road signs and Supervisor Lake and Trustee Drier will replace the address signs. Supervisor Lake will be sending out the proofs to everyone to review for errors.
- The infrastructure grant is included in House budget. Now waiting for the Senate and House to meet to agree upon the budget prior to September 30th. There is still talk of a government shutdown if the budget isn't finalized prior to that date.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 30, 2025, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$322,780.37 with receipts totaling \$13,996.74; expenditures of \$31,532.98; payroll of \$6,356.33, leaving an ending balance of \$298,887.80. 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.

3. GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY: There was no meeting this past month.

4. SECTION 32: Trustee Drier and Section 32 Chairperson Paula Koruga discussed the current status of the project. Section 32 and the Water Authority were not able to come to an agreement regarding the 4400 feet of pipe needed to complete the project. The costs to build new for this piping was estimated by the engineer. After discussion, Supervisor Lake is going to reach out to our new attorney and have him review the proposed agreement. Once the review is complete Section 32 will ask for a meeting with all interested entities. The next Section 32 meeting is scheduled for the middle of October.

5. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Trustee Heikkila attended the last meeting. They are still working through the details of a union member learning the administrator position, which is non-union. The audit will take place on September 23rd. The scale was inspected and passed. New software will be implemented for the scale.
6. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT: Trustee Heikkila attended the last meeting. There is hope that the dog park and parking lot will be built this year. There are two or three grants pending. The committee received the City of Wakefield's 5-year plan, but they haven't been able to review the parks and recreation portion yet.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Gogebic County Board of Commissioners: Supervisor Lake has emailed the minutes to all members.
2. MTA Legislative Updates: All members receive this correspondence. Supervisor Lake highlighted several items including the possible state cuts in revenue sharing.
3. WUPPDR Annual Meeting Invite: Tuesday, September 23rd in Baraga. Please let Supervisor Lake if you would like to go.
4. USDA-Enbridge Maintenance Information: Maps for the maintenance have been released.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Snow Plow Bids: After discussion motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, to advertise for snow plowing. ROLL CALL vote showed all those present voting YES. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Trustee Drier will be working to move the waterline closer to the building within the next two weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
2. PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
3. MTA: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at Marenisco Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ahonen, supported by Laessig, for adjournment at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK