

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 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 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 from November 4, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Heikkila, 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:

- Discussed the road plowing and power outages with the recent snowstorm.
- Busy answering regular emails.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of November 30, 2025, the General Fund #101 had a beginning balance of \$286,560.65 with receipts totaling \$391.89; expenditures of \$24,090.45; payroll of \$5,262.91, leaving an ending balance of \$257,599.18. Motion was made by Heikkila, 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: Last meeting was held November 13, 2025. Other than regular standing items, the audit was presented with no findings; a sewer easement was discussed with a Stone Road resident; version 8A of the Section 32 agreement has been sent to an attorney in Marquette for review; RUE policy presented for feedback; and Section 32 representative was there to discuss insuring of the new pipe. Regular meeting to be held in December.

4. SECTION 32: Discussion being held regarding the funding for the lagoon's abandonment. Version 8A of the GRWA agreement is being reviewed by another attorney. Next meeting to be scheduled in December.

5. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: Trustee Heikkila attended the last meeting. They received the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. They will be posting for the Assistant Manager, and applications are to be received by December 21st. Discussion are being held regarding the search for a 7th member.

6. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT: The DNR grant for the ball fields was denied, however they will be reapplying. Dog park construction will be starting in the spring.

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.
3. Regional Wastewater Letter/Jeff Wasley: Supervisor Lake shared the letter expressing a need for a wastewater facility in the future. No action was necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. InvestUP Regional Site Readiness Grant: Supervisor Lake presented the agreement. After discussion, motion was made by Laessig, supported by Ahonen to accept the grant agreement. Motion carried.
2. Coleman Engineering Proposal: Supervisor Lake reached out to four engineering firms receiving one proposal from Coleman Engineering for industrial park site readiness to be covered by the InvestUP Regional Site Readiness Grant. After discussion, motion was made by Laessig, supported by Drier, to accept the proposal from Coleman Engineering in the amount of \$39,000. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: No extended public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURNMENTS

1. REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
2. PLANNING COMMISSION: December 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
3. MTA: To be determined
4. BOR: Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Bessemer Township.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Laessig, supported by Heikkila, for adjournment at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ahonen, CLERK OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Typed by: Michelle Wasielewski, DEPUTY CLERK