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REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014
6:30PM, WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:32pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Richard Henriksen, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen and Sandy Mansfield. Three citizens were also present.

A motion was made by Mr. Neumann with support from Mr. Henriksen to approve the minutes of the December meeting as corrected.

Appearances: Jim Whittinghill representing Eagle Waste of Eagle River presented a proposal for a new compactor that would process our single stream recycling. At this time, the board is not in favor of purchasing the equipment outright. We will discuss putting in the concrete pad needed for this operation and then renting the compactor from Eagle Waste for a year to see whether or not this really is a viable purchase.

There was a motion offered by Mr. Neumann and supported by Mr. Henriksen to accept the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business.

1. A motion was made by Bill Neumann with support by S. Mansfield to approve a 2%/yr COLA increase for the Building Official-Building Inspector. There has not been an increase in 6 years. Motion carried with a voice vote: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Motion carried.
2. A resolution Authorizing Issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds was offered by B. Neumann with support from S. Mansfield. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Neumann, P. Kempainen, Richard Henriksen, M. Rogers, and S. Mansfield. Nays: None. Resolution passed.
3. A motion to Opt- Out of PA 152 for fiscal year 2014-15 was presented by B. Neumann with a second from P.Kempainen. Roll call vote: Ayes: M. Rogers, R. Henriksen, B. Neumann, P. Kempainen, S. Mansfield. Nays: none. Motion carried. This act is so employees do not have to pay for their health Insurance.

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by B. Neumann with a second by R. Henriksen to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: Mr. Rogers wanted to give a nod of thanks to Trustee R. Henriksen for making our website a functional and valuable tool for the public. His dedication and time given to this project are appreciated. There was a water main break over this past weekend and some thank you's are also in order. Bob Brownell noticed the break on Sunday 12/12/14 and called Bill Neumann who called Supervisor Rogers. Mr. Rogers called in Andy Hacker and he was able to get the blueprints on line and

find the valves to shut off to isolate the problem and to minimize the number of people affected. Mr. Brownell was asked to bring his equipment into town to try to dig through the frost to get to the pipes. He responded very quickly, but his equipment could not break all the way through. Andy Hacker knew of a couple of companies that specifically do this kind of work, and Mike Rogers was able to get them here Tuesday morning to complete the job. A great deal of thanks go out to Andy and Bob Brownell for the rapid response.

OTHER: Bill Neumann recently attended a meeting in Baraga for DNR Grant Programs. They are now being done on-line. These are matching funds grants and a large amount of money is there for use. In order to qualify for a grant we must have a 5 year Rec Plan and a 5 year Master Plan in effect and on record. The Planning Commission is working on these at this time. We will not be ready to apply this year as the deadline is too close, but we will take a serious look for next year. Mr. Neumann would also like it to be known that there is a great need for volunteers for the 4th of July Committee.

Motion to adjourn by R. Henriksen with a second by B. Neumann. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township, Gogebic County