

Approved 11/20/2013

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013
6:30PM, WATERSMEET SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm. Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield. Absent: Richard Henriksen
Five citizens present.

A motion was made by Mr. Neumann with support from Mr. Kemppainen to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

There were no appearances.

Public Comments: Jim Hoots of Clearwater Lake questioned whether or not there is some kind of ordinance preventing neighboring property owners from depositing their fall cleanup debris onto someone else's land. There is no such ordinance and it falls under the category of being respectful of your neighbors.

A motion was made by Mr. Kemppainen with support from Ms. Mansfield to add a 4th item under the agenda for New Business. #4 will be "appoint liaison from Planning Commission to Zoning Board of Appeals". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Neumann with support from Mr. Kemppainen to close the agenda. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The final figures have been received for the new computer system at the Town Offices. The amount is \$15,278.15. Mr. Neumann stated that the price did not include the disposal of the electronics and hard drives and he offered to do it at the Township Offices and save the town approximately \$300 to \$400.

There was a motion by Mr. Neumann with support from Mr. Kemppainen to accept the amount of \$15,278.15 from The Computer Doctors for the computer equipment. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Mike Rogers, Paul Kemppainen, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield. Nays: None. Absent: Richard Henriksen. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Ms. Mansfield with support by Mr. Neumann to move \$15,278.15 from account #101978 (computer equip/software) to account #101979 (capital outlay). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: M. Rogers, B. Neumann, P. Kemppainen, S. Mansfield. Nays: None. Absent: R. Henriksen Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. A motion was made by Mr. Kemppainen with support from Mr. Neumann to appoint Cheryl Pytlarz as an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals replacing Chuck Agney. Term to expire December 31, 2013. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Ms. Mansfield with support from Mr. Kemppainen to appoint David Sherrill to the Planning Commission as a replacement for Fred Reimer. Term to expire December 31, 2013. Motion carried.

3. A resolution was passed in support of the Governor's proposed Belle Isle to Ironwood Michigan Trail. After reading the resolution into the minutes, a motion was offered by Mr. Neumann with support from Mr. Kemppainen. Ayes: M. Rogers, P. Kemppainen, S. Mansfield, B. Neumann. Nays: none. Absent: R. Henriksen.

7:00pm Trustee R. Henriksen arrived.

4. There was a motion by S. Mansfield and 2nd by P. Kemppainen, to appoint Albert Peterson, Jr. as Liaison from the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

There was a motion offered by P. Kemppainen to pay the bills as presented. 2nd by R. Henriksen. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: The majority of sidewalk work has been completed. There is still some topsoil that needs to be put down. Trees for Tomorrow was in town during the government shut down and used the pavilion for lunch. They usually use the facilities at the Visitor Center. A. Hacker opened the bathroom facilities for them to use and they sent the township a note of appreciation and a donation of \$40.00 for the use of the facilities. Hedberg Well Drilling will begin drilling the well at the transfer station within the next week.

Treasurer: Treasurer Kemppainen presented his monthly report.

Bill Neumann: Bill attended the Firemen's meeting last week and reported that Monday, October 21, 2013 the Fire Department will be having an open house for Fire Prevention. The EMT class began with 10 people and is now down to 2. There is also a problem with our equipment (backboards, etc.) not being recovered after a transfer and a solution is being looked into.

A motion was offered by Mr. Neumann with a 2nd by Mr. Henriksen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

**Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township**