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REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013  
6:30PM WATERSMEET SCHOOL LIBRARY

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

A motion was made by Mr. Neumann with a Second from Mr. Kempainen to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

There was a special appearance by Mike Foley of Coleman Engineering Company to explain the SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management, Wastewater") grant. The purpose of the program is to provide money for communities to analyze their sewer/storm sewer systems and insure that the community is planning ahead financially to fund upkeep and maintenance of the systems. The Township will be required in the near future to have an Asset Management Plan and this grant, if awarded, is a way to obtain the information needed for the Asset Management Plan at a 10% cost to the town.

Dave Neumann, Zoning Administrator spoke about Special Use Permits and the record keeping involved with them. He also brought to the board's attention that there are lake properties being rented without a special use permit and questioned the board on the action he should take. Supervisor Rogers explained that he must go the The Planning Commission first and then it can be brought to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to health issues, Dennis Snyder resigned from the Planning Commission and Supervisor Rogers asked to have John Cestkowski replace him. A motion was made by Ms. Mansfield with a second by Mr. Neumann to have John Cestkowski replace Mr. Snyder for the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2013. Motion carried.

There was a motion made by Mr. Neumann with support by Mr. Kempainen to accept the Saw Grant Resolution. Motion was carried with a roll call vote. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

The board would like to seek a loan from a local bank in order to pay off the sewer loan from the USDA Rural Development. Our current loan with them is at 6 1/8% through 2028. We are looking at lowering the interest rate from a bank to about 2.45% and paying it off 5 years faster. This would result in a savings to the Township of \$70,000+ after 10 years. A motion was made by Mr. Henriksen with a second from Mr. Kempainen to proceed. We will be in touch with the Michigan Department of Treasury in order to receive the correct information on how to proceed.

The December Board of Review Date was set for December 12, 2013 from 9:00am to 11:00am with a motion from Mr. Neumann and a second from Mr. Kempainen. Motion carried.

Mr. Neumann made a motion with support from Mr. Henriksen to pay the bills presented for payment. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- Supervisor: 1. The old fire truck has been painted and repaired and is back at the fire station.
2. We are at a standstill with the water hookup at the transfer station. After being turned down by the tribe to hook up to their system, we applied for a permit to drill a well. We were turned down because of the distance to the hazardous waste collection center. We do not have enough space for proper setbacks etc. Supervisor Rogers send a letter to the tribe asking them to reconsider.
3. The town condemned 3 buildings this summer and 2 have been removed at this time.
4. The sidewalk project in town has been completed.

The monthly treasurer's report was given by Mr. Kemppainen.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Neumann with support from Mr. Henriksen. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township, Gogebic County