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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013
6:30PM, WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Supervisor Rogers. Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Rich Henriksen, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. 5 Citizens were also present.

A motion was offered by Mr. Neumann with a second from Mr. Henriksen to approve the minutes from the November 20th 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

There was an appearance made by Jim Whittinghill of Eagle Waste located in Eagle River. He made a presentation on the Single Streamer Recycling Center in Eagle River and asked that the Township consider putting in a new compactor that would automatically sort some of the recycle items. If the Township were to purchase this compactor, it would run around \$29,000 plus the cost of the concrete pad, apx. \$1500-\$2500. Life expectancy of this machine is about 15-20 years. The members of the board were invited to Eagle Waste to view the workings of the large Single Streamer Recycle Center set up there. The theory behind this is to cut down on the amount of trash hauls we have by increasing the amount of items that are recycled.

Marti Wegner of the Road Commission stated that there is money set aside for a 60-40 match for road work. 60% from the Townships and 40% from the commissions.

A motion to approve the agenda was offered by Mr. Kempainen with a second from Mr. Henriksen. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

New Business: 1st order of business was to reappoint planning commission members whose terms run out December 31, 2013. A motion was offered by Ms. Mansfield with a second by Mr. Neumann to reappoint Larry Potter. Motion carried. A motion was offered by Mr. Henriksen with a second by Ms. Mansfield to reappoint David Sherrill. Motion carried with 4 yeas and 1 present. A motion was offered by Mr. Neumann with a second from Mr. Kempainen to reappoint John Cestkowski. Motion carried. All three reappointments will run from January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2016.

There were two reappointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Mr. Kempainen with a second from Ms. Mansfield to reappoint Albert Peterson Jr. as Liaison. Motion carried. A motion by Mr. Kempainen with a second by Ms. Mansfield to reappoint Cheryl Pytlarz as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried. These positions will run from January 2, 2014 thru December 31, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Neumann with a second by Mr. Kempainen to appoint Bonnie Peacock as an alternate to the Board of Review. Motion carried. Term to be from January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2016.

Three resolutions were passed at the meeting. The first being a resolution to adopt county hazard mitigation plan. In the event we should ever need help from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management), it will be much easier to receive the help if this resolution is in place. Resolution passed with 5 yeas, 0

nays. Next is the Resolution authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue bonds. Passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays. The last resolution is authorization to purchase the property where Minnie's Café sits for the amount of \$15,000 from Headwaters State Bank. This is prime property and the hope is that we can draw some type of business in the future. Passed with 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Rogers listed the items that were accomplished or begun in this first term of office as a new Township Board. 1. He recognized Bill Neumann for all the work and research he put into the new computer system that is now in the offices. He also saved us money by wiping out and removing hard drives etc. from the old machines in order to get rid of them. 2. A CD came due and the money was put into a general savings account rather than rolled over. There are some items coming up that may require money to be used, such as the SAW Grant, the Bond Issue, and land purchase. 3. Another letter was written to the Tribal Council for authorization to hook up to their system for the transfer station water/sewer. This time permission was granted, saving the town the money for a new well. 4. Beatons lake road was paved. Cisco Lake Road had the paving finished to the lake. 5. Work on restoring the old park at Bass Lake has begun. 6. There are 850 feet of new sidewalks. We would like to continue work on this each year to improve the town's curb appeal. 6. Two new Christmas decorations were purchased for the poles closer to the intersection of US 2 and US 45. 7. The old fire truck has been repaired and repainted and is now ready for service. 8. The donated Brush truck has been repainted and repaired and is ready for service. 9. The process has been started to pay off the sewer loan and save the township approximately \$70,000 after a 10 year period. 10. We made a mighty effort to begin work on getting our own ambulance in town by sponsoring an EMT class that began with 10 students but is down to 1 now. 11. We have resolved to purchase a piece of property on US 45 for future economic development. 12. We now do in-house tax mailings saving apx. \$1700/yr. 13. We had sludge tests completed on the lagoons with resounding results. We should be good for another 15-20 years with the lagoons we have in place. 14. A check scanning system has been installed to reduce the number of trips made to the bank in Eagle River. We can deposit from the offices and it leaves more time for the treasurer to be here and available. 15. Bill Neumann was appointed as cemetery Sexton and has begun the difficult task of mapping and bringing the books up to date. The winter weather has stalled some of the work, but he still works on the book end of things.

Treasurer's Report: There was a mistake made on the winter tax bills. The college millage was reported too high resulting in refunds needing to be made to those who have already paid their winter taxes. There will be new tax bills issued reflecting the proper amount owed.

Clerk's Report: The General Fund has received checks from the Water Fund and the Waste Water Fund to reimburse for items paid in categories such as labor, insurance, supplies, etc.

Other Reports: Mr. Henriksen is replacing the Township Website's "Quote of the Day" with a Holiday Greeting to all of our residents and others who read our web page.

Motion was made by Mr. Neumann with a second from Mr. Kemppainen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township, Gogebic County