

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 19, 2014 6:00PM
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:34pm.

Members Present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Richard Henriksen, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield
Absent: None

28 citizens present

The meeting minutes from the January 15th regular meeting were approved as amended with a motion by Bill Neumann and support from Richard Henriksen. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting held January 28, 2014 was made by Bill Neumann and supported by Paul Kempainen. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held February 18th was offered by R. Henriksen with support from B. Neumann. Motion carried.

A presentation was given by GIANT (**Gogebic-Iron Area Narcotics Team**), on the narcotics and illegal drugs that they are dealing with in our counties. Information was given on how to spot drug use and what to do if you encounter any items used in the manufacturing of drugs. The presentation was given by Sheriff Matonich, Ross Solberg and Jeorge Cruze. Also in attendance were members of the LVD Police Department. LVD Police have now become part of GIANT. There are two ways to contact GIANT: 1. Call the tip line at 1-855-644-4129 or 2. giantdrugteam@gmail.com.

Ken Wendt was present and represented the ISCCW (Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet) asking for the board to make a resolution to treat Bass Lake for Eurasian Watermilfoil. Ken also asked for people 18 years or older to work during the summer washing boats in an attempt to keep invasive species from being transported from lake to lake.

Bob McGuffin was the representative for the CCROA (Cisco Chain Raparian Owner's Association) asking for a resolution to treat Clearwater Lake.

Julie Matheisen asked if the Town Board has a definition of "commercial" property vs "residential" property. Supervisor Rogers stated that we do not.

The agenda was approved as modified with a motion from B. Neumann and support from R. Henriksen.

New Business:

1. It has been recommended by Dan Kline our Building Inspector, that rates be increase from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for residential construction up to 2500 sq.ft and to \$100.00 for construction over 2500 sq.ft. He also recommends that the plan review for commercial property be turned over to the State of Michigan to alleviate the township of any liabilities and to save the many hours of reseach for proper approvals for commercial buildings, plumbing, mechanical and electrical codes. No action was taken. The item was tabled until the next meeting with a motion by P. Kempainen and support from R. Henriksen. Motion carried.
2. A resolution for the treatment of Bass Lake was offered by R. Henriksen and supported by B. Neumann. Roll Call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution passed.
3. A resolution for the treatment of Clearwater Lake was offered by B. Neumann and supported by P. Kempainen. Roll Call Vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution passed.

4. A resolution was offered by R. Henriksen with support from B. Neumann to accept the County's Solid Waste Management Plan which would allow the county to accept waste from all Michigan Counties and export waste to all Michigan counties. Roll Call Vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution passed.
5. A resolution was offered by B. Neumann with support from R. Henriksen to give the Supervisor permission to purchase the old church next to the town offices for the cost of \$1.00. We will have to have the property tested to determine how much asbestos it contains and we may not be able to remove the building until enough money has been budgeted for the project. Roll Call Vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution passed. Ken Wendt added that if we did not purchase the property, we could have the building condemned and then it would be the owner's responsibility to take care of the problem.
6. A resolution to move \$5368.62 from account #708702 Parks & Recs wages to account #265702 Building & Grounds wages, and move \$80.00 from account #708740 Parks & Recs operating supplies to account #265740 Building & Grounds operating supplies was offered by P. Kemppainen with support from B. Neumann. Roll Call Vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays. Resolution passed.

A motion to approve the bills offered for payment was made by P. Kemppainen with a second from R. Henriksen. Motion carried. GF checks #34040-34056. Water Fund checks #2978-2980. Waste Water Fund checks #3379-3782.

Reports:

Supervisor: We completed the process of paying off the waste water bond with a new bond that will save the town approximately \$53000 over the next nine years. The jetter that the township owns is back and repaired and ready for use.

Treasurer: In light of the cold weather we have had, if you have water lines that run under the street or your driveways, you may want to run a thin stream of water in your sinks until the danger passes.

Clerk: By paying off the Rural Development bond for waste water, we will save \$700/year on bond insurance.

Others: Bill Neumann reported on research he is doing on a copier/scanner for the town offices. He has found a slightly used copier with the scanner for \$3700. This machine would bring our cost per copy down about ½ of what we are currently paying. He also put out a plea for help for the 4th of July, Friends of Bass Lake Park and Friends of Town Hall Renovation. If anyone is interested and can be of help, please contact the township offices.

A motion to adjourn was offered by B. Neumann with support from P. Kemppainen . Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township