

Approved 8/20/2014  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 16, 2014  
WATERSMEEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LIBRARY  
6:30PM

The regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mike Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Richard Henriksen, Paul Kempainen and Sandy Mansfield

Citizens Present: Craig Hesse, Pat Walsh, Andy Hacker

A motion to accept the Minutes of June 18, 2014 as presented was offered by Richard Henriksen with a second by Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

Velda Sclafani of Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Assoc. gave an update on what she has been doing in order to promote and bring more small businesses to our townships. She also works with the DNR to promote parks improvements, Western UP Marketing, Community Foundations and basically anywhere she can be of help. She asked what kind of businesses we would like to see in the township and some of the answers were, Subway, Pizza ship, Coffee shop. She said that there has been some interest shown by Subway to expand to some of the communities in our area.

Public Comments: Pat Walsh questioned the areas covered by the Tribal Police. He stated that he was told by the Department that they do not have coverage for his area. He also stated that he has no street lights out where he lives, but as a tax payer has to pay for the street lighting bills. Craig Hesse agreed that they don't see the police department out in their area on patrol, but that doesn't mean that they aren't there. He also questioned Ms. Sclafani about whether or not she may be able to help with getting internet access to our outlying areas. She will look into it and be in touch with Supervisor Rogers.

A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

There was no old or new business on the agenda.

A motion offered by Paul Kempainen to approve the payment of the bills presented was supported by Bill Neumann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: We received the permit for the retaining wall at Bass Lake at a cost of \$100 for the permit. We are receiving bids for the removal of the old Church we purchased next the Town Offices. Bids for the sidewalk work in town are being reviewed. Our request for 2% funding has been submitted. The Police Contract is still being negotiated due to language changes that have not been agreed upon by both sides. An article was submitted to Supervisor Rogers by Jeff Zelinski showing that in Idaho, snowmobiles can no longer go wherever they want, they are restricted to trails only. It may be the future of more states. So far, the audit is going well and should be finished soon.

Treasurer: The treasurer presented his report and it was accepted as read.

Clerk: Wilderness Lakes Agonikak Trails North, Central and South have been completed.

Other: Rich Henriksen asked that we start enforcing our blight ordinance and Supervisor Rogers said we will begin with a property or two at a time. We will work with our attorney on this procedure of dangerous properties.

Bill Neumann reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was well received and that we had a wonderful array of fireworks that lasted over 30 minutes. Bill may also be attending the MTA conference in Marquette the end of August to keep updated on a variety of issues that Township Boards face.

Correspondence: Supervisor presented a letter from the Township Attorney recommending that we not purchase the parcel of land on the north side of Headwaters Polaris as there is a restrictive covenant for a portion of the land due to contaminated soil at one time.

Reports: Supervisor Rogers reported that we received the permit for the retaining wall at Bass Lake Park. There are bids out for the church removal. Sidewalk bids are out. We have submitted a request for 2% funds for the police contract and out houses at the Bass lake Park. We have applied for a permit for the out houses. We are still negotiating the Police Contract at this time. There is language regarding liability that is holding this up. The audit is coming along.

A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with a second from Rich Henriksen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township