

Approved 9/16/2015  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2015 6:30PM  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LIBRARY  
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The regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Rogers. Members in attendance: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Rich Henriksen and Sandy Mansfield.

Citizens present: 3

A motion was made by Bill Neumann to accept the minutes of the Regular July 15, 2015 meeting, and the special meetings of July 16, July 29 and August 18<sup>th</sup>. Support was offered by Rich Henriksen. Motion carried.

Peggy Tuttle wanted to know if the Planning Commission members were compensated for meetings. The answer is yes. She then asked if there is not a quorum, are they paid for showing up, but having no meeting. The answer is no. It was also brought up by Bill Neumann that there have only been a very few times over the years that this has occurred. She also stated that she feels there should be at least one woman on the Commission.

Pat Walsh stated that he appreciated the fact that his road had been worked on to try and fix the problems. The Total Patcher was used and it did smooth out some of the bumps, but left the rocks and did not fill in the holes. Supervisor Rogers said that we will see how it holds up this winter and we may have to have them go back and rework the road next year. Mr. Walsh is not sure it is worth the cost. The layer of patch laid down is only about an inch thick.

Bill Neumann made a motion to accept the agenda as presented with support from Paul Kempainen. Bill Neumann amended the motion to include New Business #2, support for the Zoning Administrator for researching short term rentals without special use permits. Paul Kempainen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A Resolution was made by Rich Henriksen and supported by Paul Kempainen to allow the Clerk to make additional contributions on behalf of the pension members to the MERS pension account. The additional money would be from their paychecks and no additional contributions would be made by the Township. Roll Call Vote: Yeas...Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Rich Henriksen, Bill Neumann and Sandy Mansfield. Resolution passed.

Rich Henriksen made a motion to pay the bills as presented, checks #35435 – 35456. Bill Neumann offered support. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor...The privies have been completed at Bass Lake and the final inspection has passed. Dan Kline finished the pavilion at the park and the park is being used by many people. The first commercial bills have been sent out for the Transfer Station and are paid. Karin Cooper from UPEA architectural firm presented 3 possible floor plans for the new community center and we are moving along with the project.

Treasurer...Bank statement is balanced. We have collected taxes on about 1/3 of the parcels for the Township. The treasurer is available for payment 10:00am – 2:00pm most days. If in question, please call (906)358-4501 for his hours.

Clerk...The audit is nearly finished. There are a few items that still need to be checked, but the end is near.

Pat Walsh brought up both long and short term rentals as far as septic systems problems. The Zoning Administrator can investigate a violation of a short term rental if he receives a complaint. We have no ordinance as far as long term rental.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kemppainen. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township