

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 2015 6:30PM
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The October regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Rogers. Members in Attendance were Mike Rogers, Rich Henriksen, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann and Sandy Mansfield. Others present were Peggy Tuttle, Julie Mathiesen and Pat Walsh.

The minutes for the Regular September meeting on 9/16/15 and special meetings of 9/17, 10/1 and 10/21 were approved with a motion from Paul Kempainen and a second from Bill Neumann. Motion carried. Supervisor Rogers abstained from voting for the Oct. 1st special meeting due to his absence. There were no comments or special appearances.

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

New Business: Approval of Audit....The yearly audit has been completed and all members have had the opportunity to exam the findings. A motion was made by Sandy Mansfield with support from Paul Kempainen to approve the audit for fiscal year 2014-1015. Motion carried

Bill Neumann offered a motion to approve the payment of bills presented. Rich Henriksen supported the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor: Mike explained that there was a special meeting with the Conover Supervisor and Ambulance Service Director at 1:00pm today. It all comes down to the fact that they are seeking more money from the Township, approximately 3 times more than we currently pay. Chief Caudill and Laurie Kopsi will work together to compile a list of the transports or no-transport with treatments in order to compare with Conover and the billing company. At this meeting, the agenda was amended to include the appointment for PC member to replace John Neumann. Giiwegiizhigookay received the appointment. The other item added was the replacement of Tom Radzwilowicz due to medical issues. Jill Mansfield was hired in his place. The transfer station bin pickup/drop offs are down to half of what they were last year at this time. Chief Caudill applied for and was given a grant of \$14,000+/- for fire equipment/extraction items. There is an approximate 5% match to be made by the Township. A phone call was received about the use of Bass Lake Park for a wedding this coming July. It's nice to see that it is being talked about and used by local and area residents.

Treasurer: The current state of accounts was presented by Paul Kempainen and we once again are in balance. He also commented on the fact that Jill Mansfield has done a good job subbing for the secretary for nearly the last year and is learning her responsibilities. Paul brought up the fact that the walking trail from the Casino to the school is nearing completion but there should be consideration given to signs for speed reduction so that there are no injuries at US 45 and Old US 2 East. Vehicles tend to forget to slow down.

Clerk: Sandy Mansfield reported that our Lawyers costs will be increasing from \$105/hour to \$115/hour.

Other: Rich Henriksen also reported that there are 2 major snowmobile crossings that the club wanted marked for safety, but were told that there is not enough data on fatalities.

Bill Neumann noted that the MTA magazine that township officials receive does "blurbs" on items from different locales. He believes that we should submit information about Bass Lake. We will do this. He

also would like to have a meeting with the architect and their engineers so he and Rich can begin the planning for conduit for computer hookups, etc. for the new community center. Mike will set this up.

Supervisor Rogers also brought up a letter that was received from the Gogebic County Sheriff's Office. The search for the gentleman that was missing last week had many people involved and Watersmeet's name was left out of the paper. The sheriff wanted us to be recognized for our part in the search. We are fortunate that it all turned out for the good. Please take the time to read this. It is posted on our Website. www.watersmeet.us

A motion was made by Bill Neumann to adjourn the meeting. Paul Kemppainen offered a second. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township

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