

**Minutes:**  
**Watersmeet Township Planning Commission**

**Regular Meeting of December 10, 2014**

Watersmeet High School Library

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chairman Roy D'Antonio at 6:30 PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- 3) **Roll Call:** Members Present: Chairman Roy D'Antonio, Secretary John Neumann, Township Board Liaison-Rich Henriksen, Pete Peterson, Jeff Wasson, John Cestkowski, and Larry Potter, Dave Sherrill and Jeff Zelinski were present. Several community members were also present.
- 4) **Approval of Agenda/Changes:** Pete Peterson made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented, second was made by Jeff Wasson. Unanimous yes vote to approve agenda.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Pete Peterson to accept minutes of Regular meeting of October 8th as written, second by Jeff Wasson. Unanimous yes vote.
- 6) **Zoning Administration Report:** David Neumann reported that there was one addition to a building permit and a storage building permit granted in the past 2 months. Dave also presented a list of recommended fees for business permits by Special Approval. (see attached) Dave and Rich Henriksen worked on this list for review by the Planning Commission. There was a discussion and it was agreed that each PC member would review the recommendation and be prepared to discuss them at the next PC meeting.
- 7) **Proposed Square Footage Changes/Reductions:** Chairman D'Antonio read the Township Board's proposed change to the PC submitted changes and reductions of the current building size requirements in the Ordinance. There was a discussion concerning the wording of what the Township requested and some members of the PC thought the wording could be more descriptive. Dave Sherrill made a motion to accept the language presented by the Township Board. Perhaps some conforming language of the description of the structure could be discussed by the Board. Rich Henriksen seconded the motion. There was a discussion on the required wall size of 20 feet prior to the vote. Roll call vote: Roy D'Antonio yes, John Neumann yes, Rich Henriksen yes, Pete Peterson yes, Jeff Wasson yes, John Cestkowski yes, Larry Potter yes, Dave Sherrill yes and Jeff Zelinski no. 8 yes votes, 1 no vote. Motion carried.
- 8) **Continued Master Plan Update/TWP. Survey:** Dave Sherrill presented a Survey and Master Plan for the PC to review. Before the discussion, he first asked if the Township had approved to pay \$476 for an Internet Survey requested by Tony Zoars. Dave was wondering if we could have our Survey included. After a discussion it was determined that we wouldn't pursue this option. Roy asked if there was anything in the Master Plan determining what to do with the old town hall. Dave said there really isn't but it could be added. The PC members will review the Survey and Master Plan to move it forward at the next meeting. Dave commented that he has contacted the Post Office about the costs of sending out the Survey and said it is determined by the volume of returned Surveys. We will shoot for a February mailing.

- 9) **Annual PC Report to Township Board:** There was a discussion about the requirements of a report to the Township. John Neumann volunteered to do the PC yearly report to the Township Board. Roy D'Antonio will write a letter to the Board telling them the status of the Master Plan.
- 10) **2015 Meeting Dates:** Jeff Zelinski made a motion to keep the PC meetings for 2015 the same as 2014, the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Second by John Cestkowski. Unanimous yes vote.
- 11) **Public Comments:** Pat Welch asked about homesteading rules and there was a discussion. Roy stated that was a question for the tax assessor.
- 12) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Dave Sherrill, second by Pete Peterson, Unanimous yes vote. 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by, *John Neumann* – Planning Commission Secretary

Approved: January 14, 2015