

APPROVED 2/17/2016
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016
6:30PM
FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
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The regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm. Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Members absent: Rich Henriksen. Others present: Dave Neumann, Julie Mathiesen, David Sherrill and Peggy Tuttle.

Paul Kempainen offered a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 16th with a second by Mike Rogers. Motion carried. Bill Neumann offered a motion to approve the special meeting of January 6th with a second from Mike Rogers. Motion carried.

Paul Kempainen made a motion to accept the agenda as presented with a second by Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Bill Neumann to opt out of PA 152 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Paul Kempainen offered support. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen to accept the bid from Roger Kolehemainen of \$9000 for the audit of 2015-2016 fiscal year. Motion carried.
3. A Community Clean-Up Day will be held on June 11, 2016. A motion to hold the clean-up day with the following "rules" was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.
 - a. The cleanup will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 8:00am to 6:00pm. This will be one day only....no exceptions.
 - b. Prior to the cleanup day, everyone who plans to dump that day MUST come into the office to receive a ticket and be checked against the tax roll.
 - c. Each household will be allowed only 1 dump which can include a pickup truck and utility trailer, at the same time.
 - d. No hazardous materials will be accepted, including paint cans.
 - e. Only 10 tires per person will be allowed, there will be a normal charge for all others.The office can be contacted for further information at (906)358-4501.
4. A letter was received from Planning Commission Chairperson Jeff Zelinski asking the Board to approve the Master Plan presented and forward it on the County Board and Marenisco. A motion was offered by Bill Neumann and supported by Paul Kempainen to table this until the next meeting when the board members have had a chance to read the Plan. Motion carried.
5. Zoning Ordinance modification of Section 704c. (Public Comment:) Julie Mathiesen, David Sherrill and Dave Neumann all had issue with the wording of the modification presented to the Town Board. They felt that a very vital part of the wording had been left out. Julie and David also brought up the fact that the Rec Plan needs to be finished in order for grants to be applied for. Applications must be submitted in March for April deadlines. Julie has researched the types of grants available for various projects and also stated that there are 2 types of grants for Recreation; Natural Resources Trust Fund (larger amounts) and Passport Grants (smaller amounts). Bill Neumann offered that there is a Rec Plan in place and we can change the issuance date on the cover page for submittal. David Sherrill stated that there are new items that have been added. The new language for Section 704c follows:

Julie offered wording to the Board that clarifies what can and cannot be done regarding reconstruction of damaged non-conforming buildings. Dave Neumann also offered 3 points that should be added for complete coverage and understanding. This will be published in the paper and will also be available for the public at the offices.

7.04C Reconstruction of Damaged Non-Conforming Buildings

Notwithstanding the following, nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit rebuilding or improving of structures on sub-standard size lots.

No non-conforming building(s) or structure(s) damaged by fire, explosion, storm, earthquake or similar uncontrollable cause exceeding fifty (50) percent of its usable space immediately prior thereto shall be restored except in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance. If damaged to a lesser extent, such building(s) may be repaired and restored to previous use on issuance of Certificate of Approval as hereinafter provided, and such repair is completed and use resumed within nine (9) months from the date of damage. *All buildings or structures built prior to the original ordinance, dated December 18, 1969, that do not meet the current setbacks and said buildings or structures are destroyed other than by intentional act of principal owner, may be rebuilt on the same footprint with the same number of square feet as the original building or structure. The land owner shall bear the burden of proof as to the age, size, location or use that a destroyed or damaged structure had immediately before the destruction or damage occurred. Repairs are authorized under this provision only to the extent that they are necessary to repair the specific damage caused by violent wind, vandalism, fire or flood, and only that portion of the structure that has been destroyed may be reconstructed. The private onsite wastewater treatment (septic) system serving the principal structure shall meet current standards for new construction.*

REV. 10-28-04

Commercial buildings including resorts, considered to be in conforming use on lot(s) of record prior to enactment of this ordinance may be improved, repaired or rebuilt and restored to former use on issuance of a building permit.

A motion to accept the above language was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.

6. The town's attorney Michael Pope of Dean and Pope has been appointed to Judge. Bill Neumann offered a motion with support from Paul Kempainen that we keep Tim Dean as the township attorney for at least one year as long as the firm has been our counsel for many years and he has access to and knowledge of our files. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen to pay the bills that were presented. General Fund: Checks # 35782 thru 35800. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: We received an email from the Conover Ambulance service with their terms for a new contract. They are asking for the normal \$9000 with an additional \$73,663 for non 24/7 coverage. We are talking about our options.

Thousand Island Lake Road will have more work that will not be completed until 2018. At that time 9.15 miles will have been redone at a cost of over 2 million dollars.

We are going to go to the County Board and request a portion of the PILT money that the County receives from our Payment in Lieu of Taxes money for government land in our Township.

Treasurer: Our Checkbook is in balance. We are right now approaching the highest level our balance will reach for the year and then it will be downhill again until next year at the end of tax time. The LVD health Board has received a grant for items related to health and recreation plans. We may be able to work with them to improve the old tennis court area. Other items that may be considered could include extending the walking trail from the Casino to Bass Lake.

Other Reports: Bill Neumann has been looking into entry system locks for the new Community Center and is still researching.

Bill Neumann offered a motion with support from Paul Kemppainen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township