

APPROVED 4/20/2016  
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016 6:30PM  
US FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
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The regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Rogers.

Present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield

Absent: Rich Henriksen

Citizens present: Peggy Tuttle, Frank Kuchevar, Julie Mathiesen, Jeff Pytlarz, Joe LoMastro, and Andy Hacker

A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen to accept the minutes from the February 17<sup>th</sup>, Public Hearing on March 24<sup>th</sup>, and special meetings on February 19, March 2 and March 16. Motion carried.

A motion was then made to Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen to leave the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 budget. Motion carried. The budget was presented to the board and the audience.

Joe LoMastro asked that money be found to put away each year in order to build up an account that will be used for more road work. Julie Mathiesen asked about the status of getting some of our PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) money back from the county. As it stands at this time, the county says it can't afford to give it to us. We will continue to work on this matter. No other public comments were made. A motion to go back to the regular meeting was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.

Paul Kempainen offered a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Bill Neumann supported. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Master Plan....With all the board members not present, and some still going through the plan, a motion to table this discussion until the next regular monthly board meeting was made by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried. We will call a special meeting to go through the plan page by page and then send recommendations back to the Planning Commission.

New Business:

A resolution to ratify the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 was offered by Paul Kempainen and supported by Bill Neumann. Roll Call Vote....Yeas: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Nays: None. Absent: Rich Henriksen. Resolution declared passed.

A resolution to accept the General Appropriation Act for the 2016-2017 budget year was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Roll Call Vote.... Yeas: Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield. Nays: None. Absent: Rich Henriksen. Resolution declared passed.

A resolution to make adjustments to balance the cost centers for Building Authority and Building and Grounds was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Account #371999 to be

increased by \$5000 and account #266702 to be decreased by \$5000. Account #265999 to be increased by \$10,000. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Bill Neumann, Mike Rogers, Paul Kemppainen, And Sandy Mansfield. Nays: none. Absent: Rich Henriksen. Resolution declared passed.

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Paul Kemppainen with support from Bill Neumann to approve bills paid by checks from GF #35941 – 35949, #35956 and #36450-36545. WWF #3942-3043. WF #3129-3134. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: The board wants to again thank Frank Kuchevar for all his hard work on this budget. His help is greatly appreciated. We are now contracted with Iron River ambulance and so far all is working out much better than it has in the past. The average response time is 29 minutes to our intersection. Our EMTs and first responders still respond to calls as they come in and that has not changed. The ambulance service we now have is 24/7 with advanced EMT's/paramedics. We are still looking into eventually having an ambulance housed here with 24/7 crews.

Treasurer: We are at our yearly high due to tax time. The checkbook is balanced.

Clerk: Yearend reports will be going out after this week and we will start over for the new fiscal year.

Other: Bill Neumann, cemetery sexton, has declared that the cemetery is open for the season. Bill is also working to get our website up to date after having it go down.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township