

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 6:30PM
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mike Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield
Members absent: Paul Kemppainen, Rich Henriksen

A motion was made by Bill Neumann with a second from Mike Rogers to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 30, 2016 and the special meeting of April 12, 2016. Motion carried.

There was a special appearance by Jim Whittinghill of Eagle Waste. He was there to speak again about a recycling compactor. We are considering installing a compactor for recyclables in order to make things more streamlined and get rid of all the different bins that are at the transfer station. The new recycling compactor would take all types of recycling materials at one time and would cut down on the number of hauls that were made each year. It is one more way we can help preserve the beauty of our area and try to get everyone involved in keeping trash down. If we continue to recycle and really make an impression on the younger people as to how important it is, we can help to keep the landfills down. We will have to put in a concrete slab attached to the existing building that houses the trash compactor. When you drive up, the recycling compactor will be on the left and the trash on the right. If we decide to go through with this, there will be instructions posted and available for hand out in order to get residents familiar with how this will all work. The large metal can and the building material bin will be kept as they are now.

A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Bill Neumann with a second from Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

New Business:

There was a resolution offered by Bill Neumann with a second from Sandy Mansfield to support the DNR grant that the Whitefish Trail has been granted. As with the Wilderness Lakes Trails project, the township will handle the appropriation of funds and will be reimbursed as we were with the Agonikak trail. We will maintain financial records that the DNR will have access to at any time.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield

Nays: None. Absent (excused): Rich Henriksen, Paul Kemppainen

Resolution declared "passed" by Supervisor Rogers.

Mike Rogers asked for a motion to formalize a policy on providing election workers meals during their long day at the polls. Bill Neumann offered a second. The town has done this in the past, but there is no formal policy on file. After researching this with other townships in the state, we found that a great deal of them have a policy in place to prevent any problem that may arise from bringing them meals. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sandy Mansfield with a second from Bill Neumann to accept the Water and Waste Water budgets for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield. Nays, None. Motion carried.

Bill Neumann offered a motion to approve the bills as presented for payment. Sandy Mansfield gave a second. Motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor: We have begun cleaning sidewalks and we are giving notice to residents that if there are overhanging tree branches or bushes that are blocking the sidewalks, we will be trimming them back. If you wish to do this yourself, please do so immediately as we are trying to get the town cleaned up for spring.

The bids for the new Community Center have still not been let out. Rural Development's architect has been on vacation and has not yet approved the plans our architects have submitted.

Clerk: Clean-Up Day will be on June 11th this year from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The "rules" will be posted in the Ottawa Shopper and Border Bulletin as well as the Post Office and town stores. You must come in person before June 11th to pick up a ticket. This ticket will be collected at the gate when you arrive. You are allowed only 1 trip with a pick-up truck and you can also tow a utility trailer behind. This should prevent people that are not tax payers from trying to dump. Your name will be checked against the tax rolls when you receive and turn in your ticket.

Trustees: The cemetery is open and maybe we did it a little too early this year. Mother Nature decided to give us another dumping of "the white stuff" and it made it difficult to prepare for our first burial. We are still working with Holly Guerin on updating our website and should have most items taken care of soon.

A motion was made by Bill Neumann with a second from Sandy Mansfield to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township