

APPROVED 5/17/2017  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017  
6:30 PM  
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Rogers.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield

Others Present: 8 citizens

A motion to accept the minutes of the March 29, 2017 meeting was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Julie Mathiesen brought up a concern about the wording of the proposed revised Medical Marijuana Ordinance. In Section 7.16 F it states the definition of "Primary Caregiver Operation" and includes a sentence that says the definition includes distribution center, provisioning center or any other name for such a location. According to the new Medical marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) Part 1, Section 102 (r): "Provisioning center" means a licensee that is a commercial entity located in this state that purchases marijuana from a grower or processor and sells, supplies, or provides marijuana to registered qualifying patients, directly or through the patients' registered primary caregivers.

Provisioning center includes any commercial property where marijuana is sold at retail to registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers. A noncommercial location used by a primary caregiver to assist a qualifying patient connected to the caregiver through the department's marijuana registration process is accordance with the Michigan medical marijuana act is not a provision center for purposes of this act.

The purpose of amending the current ordinance is to not allow any commercial enterprises to be within the Township of Watersmeet. Her objection is that by including "provisioning center" in our definition may leave us open to legal interpretation in the future. Sandy will get in touch with the Township attorney for input on deleting the phrase "provisioning center" from Section 7.16 F.

Steve Roth also offered help in finding correct wording for commercial/industrial in order to tailor the ordinance language to allow the law and the attorneys do their jobs more efficiently.

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

New Business:

A proposal from Dan Kline, Watersmeet Township Building Inspector, was read by Supervisor Rogers. Dan proposed becoming a contractor instead of an employee. The time has passed for any changes at this time. The board can only make wage adjustments before the budget meeting in March. Supervisor Rogers asked that a motion be put on the table to accept the proposal for the next fiscal year. Paul Kempainen offered the motion with support from Sandy Mansfield. Trustee Alan Piel asked if there was a reason why we needed to do this at this time. He suggested that we hold off until budget meetings next year. Paul Kempainen rescinded his motion and Sandy Mansfield rescinded her second. The proposal will be brought up at a time when action can be taken on it before the next budget is passed.

Modification to the Medical marijuana Ordinance: After discussion on this matter, a motion to table modifying the ordinance was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried. The Township attorney will be contacted regarding the “provisioning center” wording.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A motion to approve payment of bills presented was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. General Fund bills paid with check #s36947 – 36961, Waste Water Fund Check #4011 and Water Fund Check #3204.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor** The pavilion kitchen is complete except for installing the sink. Appliances are due to arrive this week.

**Treasurer:** Books are balanced, as stated previously, all funds are secured now that we are utilizing sweep accounts. The attorney asked that as Planning Commission secretary, Paul present a letter to the board regarding the attorney’s recommendation for changes to the ordinance.

**Other:** Alan Piel gave a report on the Whitefish Trail project. The DNR has all of the bid documents and has given the okay to put out requests for bids. Volunteers will be clearing some trees that need to be taken care of prior to work beginning.

**Fire Chief:** Andy Hacker thanked the board for their support for his becoming Fire Chief. During the past year, the department has installed a dry hydrant at the Cisco Dam, received a grant for extrication gloves and flashlights for department members, upgraded the electronic system on the rescue rig in order to run the Jaws of Life and other equipment, a CPR class was given and attended with 90% participation as well as training on the Lucas machine that the department purchased with 2% money from LVD. With the new members that have been added to the roster we now have 19 members. There are 7 people in the Fire Fighter 1 classes being held at this time. After the classes are done, there will be testing in September for these students to become certified. There was an ice rescue class in conjunction with Land O’Lakes that was attended by our fire fighters. There will be a prescribed burn at the Visitor Center for training with the Ottawa National Forest Service. A “thank you” for 50 years of service get together was held by the fire department for Parnell Basanese. Mr. B appreciated the recognition from his fellow fire fighters. Hope we get 50 more. The fire hall barn will be getting its floors epoxied, new ceiling tiles and new shelving for storage and gear for our volunteer fire fighters.

**Police Chief:** Richie Burke, Police Chief of LVD presented a report on the activities between March 1 and March 31, 2017. The number of complaints/requests for service, hours spent on complaints, hours spent on patrol , hours spent in the office, on corrections and other duties were presented to the board and citizens present. Currently there are 3 part time officers, 2 full time, and 2 part time corrections officers. They will be losing 3 officers and replacing 2. LVD tribe will be purchasing 2 new vehicles. There is also a grant for 2 vehicles and 1 officer for 3 years (training and wages) that has been applied for from The Department of Justice (DOJ).

The board would like to add more reports to its agendas and will contact more people for their cooperation in this area. The more information we can bring to our residents the better.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township