

APPROVED 7/18/2018
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018 6:30PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

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

Absent: Paul Kemppainen

Others present: 8

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of 5/16/2018 and special meetings on 5/21/18 and 6/5/18 was offered by Trustee Neumann with support from Trustee Piel. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Jim Whittinghill of Eagle Waste in Eagle River attended to give us a "report" card on the transfer station hauls and the recycling container. We are doing well as far as hauls go, but we need our residents to really pitch in and make a much more solid effort to recycle. It may come down to having the transfer station attendant not allowing you to dump anything recyclable into the trash container. If it is evident that you have recyclables, you will be directed to take them to the recycling bin. Please, let's make more of an effort.

Tracie Wittla, Chief Assistant prosecutor of Gogebic County, introduced herself to those in attendance and stated that she will be running for Probate County judge in the Primary Election to be held August 7, 2018.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

A motion was offered by Trustee Neumann with support from Trustee Piel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Two applications for the Fire Department were presented to the board for approval. There was a motion by Trustee Neumann with support from Trustee Piel to deny the applications at this time. Motion carried.

There was a motion offered by Trustee Piel, to write off two water/sewer accounts totaling \$83.97. These accounts have not been billed since April 2007 and December 2009 due to people no longer residing there and the accounts have become uncollectible. There is also one account that no longer exists that has a credit of \$92.29. This property is owned by Upper Michigan Properties which has 2 accounts in arrears and this amount will be applied to them. This motion was supported by Trustee Neumann. Roll Call Vote: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield. Nays...none. Motion carried.

Paul Kemppainen asked that the July regular board meeting be changed from the 3rd Wednesday of July to the 4th Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict that he has. Trustee Neumann has a possible conflict

for the 4th Wednesday, so as long as we will be short one member on either day, there was a motion by Sandy Mansfield with support from Trustee Piel to keep the meeting on its regularly scheduled date of July 18. Motion carried.

BILLS:

A motion was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann to approve the bills as presented for payment. Motion carried. General Fund checks 37952 – 37970. Water Fund checks 3279 & 3280. Waste Water Fund check 4080.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: The board members were able to walk the old treatment plant property off of Roundhouse Road to try to decide if it is worth the money to put in a road and try to make a picnic area for residents to use. At this time, no decision has been made.

TREASURER: The treasurer was not at the meeting, but did submit the monthly bank reconciliations. All is balanced.

CLERK: The auditor will be here the 2nd week in July. The election is right around the corner and learning the new QVF (qualified voter file) software is a priority.

FIRE COMMISSIONER: Progress is being made with the department and new Chief and Asst. Chief. Everything is progressing nicely.

ALAN PIEL: After the inception of the Bike Trail, 11 years ago, the 40 mile loop is finally completed. A big thank you to all who helped to make it possible: The Forest Service, LVD Tribe, Michigan DNR, Wisconsin DNR, Dept. of Transportation, All those who did “in-kind” work on the project and helped to raise \$3-4 million dollars for the project in addition to the grants received.

Mike Rogers thanked Alan for all the work he did with the grant writing for the project.

FIRE CHIEF: Jim Pittsley is working on writing a grant for the FD for communications equipment. The turnout gear that LVD furnished 2% funds for is still rolling in. The Fire Department has had a relatively quiet month so far.

A motion was offered by Trustee Neumann with support from Trustee Piel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township