

APPROVED 2/20/2019  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2019  
6:30 PM  
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER  
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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Sandy Mansfield  
Citizens present: 5

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

No public appearances or public comments.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel to opt out of PA 152 for 2019 – 2020. Alan Piel supported the motion. The union employees covered under health insurance will not be required to pay a portion of their health insurance cost.
2. There was a motion offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann to keep and approve the poverty exemption guide lines the same as last year. Motion carried. These amounts are available for viewing in the 2019 application for poverty exemption.
3. Paul Kempainen offered a motion to approve Roger Kolehmainen CPA PC as the auditor for the 2017-18 audit which will be done this summer. Alan Piel supported the motion. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion to approve the bills as presented for payment was made by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: There will be a MSHA training held at the community center March 26, 2019. The cost will be approximately \$55 per person. This course is required for people who use gravel pits to enable them to be trained on loading equipment and to safely operate in a gravel pit once this course is passed. Anyone interested can contact the township office at (906) 358-4501.

Treasurer: The General Fund balance looks small right now due to the tax misunderstanding (wrong ballot language). New bills had to be issued and refunds are being issued for those who paid before the new taxes went out.

Clerk: There was a refund issued to us from Pitlik and Wick. The quantity of gravel in the contract for the Whitefish Trail project came in less than was anticipated and the company refunded us accordingly.

Fire Chief: Chief Pittsley is looking into 20 radios and shoulder mics. We are now signed up with the State for purchasing items and can get a much reduced price on these items. We have a grant that can be applied toward this cost.

Other matters: Mike Rogers stated that he was told by NMU that they received approval for an antenna for WiFi to be added to the cell tower out by Rogers Bar. This will help with cell service to the people on the chain.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township