

APPROVED 4/17/2019
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 29, 2019
1:00PM
Community Center
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The March 2019 meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mike Rogers at 1:00pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield
Others: Tribal Police Chief R. Burke, Chris Wegner, Paul and Tracie Runcie

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2019, and special meetings of March, 4, 11, 18 and 25th was offered by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Tribal Police Chief Burke was present to see if new phone numbers were in place for the Township Police Department set to take over on April 1, 2019. The numbers have been posted at businesses and the school as well as the Post Office and on the Township website. He stated that their department will assist if needed.

A motion to enter into a Public Hearing for the 2019-2010 Budget was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried. Public Hearing entered into at 1:08 pm. The residents present were asked to offer up any questions they had regarding the copies of the budget that were available to them. There were none.

A motion to leave the Public Hearing and reenter the regular meeting was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was re-entered at 1:13pm.

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

A motion to ratify the new budget for 2019-2020 was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann. Roll Call Vote: Ayes....Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

The General Appropriations Act Resolution was read. A resolution to accept was offered by Paul Kempainen and seconded by Alan Piel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. The Resolution was declared "passed" by Supervisor Rogers.

A resolution was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen for cost center adjustments needed to balance the 2018-2019 budget. The cost centers involved were: Township Administration, Assessor, Board of Review, Fire Department and Building Authority. Total to be taken from contingency fund of \$6945.32 and distributed to Township Admin: \$2515.75, Assessor: \$238.75, Board of Review: \$170.82, Fire Department \$2000.98 and Building Authority: \$2019.02. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes...Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield. The resolution was declared "passed" by Supervisor Rogers.

There were no bills presented for payment. They had been presented at a special meeting March 25, 2019. There was only one bill written out and that was for a grant match for the fire department in the amount of \$8000. Alan Piel offered a motion to accept the payment of this bill and support was offered by Bill Neumann.

Reports:

Treasurer: It was discovered that the school hadn't paid the bills for tax collection for 2016 and 2017. The amount they are billed is based on .45% of the amount collected. He has been asked by the School Board to have the Township Board consider cutting back on the amount that we charge for this collection. The board discussed having the school do a 3 year payback so it didn't have to be paid in one lump sum. This will be discussed and we will ask a school board member to bring their request to the April 2019 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township