

APPROVED 5/15/2019
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 17, 2019
6:30PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
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The April 2019 meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

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

A motion was made by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Appearances: Watersmeet Township Police Chief Paul Runcie
Chief Runcie went over the procedure to contact the new police department. 8-5 Monday thru Friday call **(906) 358-2048**. Weekends and evenings for non-emergencies call Central Dispatch at **(906)875-6669**. For **ALL** emergencies call **911**. The transition is going well. Since April 1st there have been 13 complaint calls and 1 arrest.

There was a motion offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of a discussion regarding the school's tax administration fee. Motion carried.

Old Business: School Administration tax fee

The school Administrator and President of the School Board contacted Supervisor Rogers and Treasurer Kempainen about the possibility of lowering the amount of money that the school pays the township for tax collection. The cost to the school is currently at .45%. A discussion ensued about possible reductions. There was no one present from the school to take or answer questions that some board members posed. A motion was made by Paul Kempainen with support from Alan Piel to table this issue until the next meeting when a representative from the school can be present. Motion carried.

Approval of bills:

A motion was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Alan Piel to approve the bills as presented for payment. GF checks 38698 – 38718. WW check #4155. Water check #3345. Motion carried.

Reports

Supervisor: An email was received from Vertical Bridge (the tower that will be built by the transfer station) and there will be a meeting on 4/24/19 prior to the erection of the tower. The agreement goes into effect 5/1/2019 and the town will receive \$1100/month rental. Supervisor Rogers also recognized Paul Runcie for all his help in making the transition to the new township Police Department as smooth as it has been.

Treasurer: The checkbook is at its high now due to the tax collection. All accounts are balanced. Next month will give a more "real" picture of the general fund once the tax money has been disbursed.

Fire Chief: Chief Pittsley asked the township board about instituting an ordinance that would create fines for people that start fires to burn yard waste, etc. and then leave them unattended. The fire

department has been called out in the past for unattended fires and the township bears the expense of this. Tickets issued by the Police Chief for these unattended fires would be collected by the township. Supervisor Rogers stated that it will be discussed.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township