

**Approved 5/21/14**  
**WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**APRIL 16, 2014 6:30PM**  
**WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mike Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann, Rich Henriksen, Sandy Mansfield  
Citizens present: 12

APPEARANCES: Kathy Thrall, Norman Nass and Darren Pionk were all present to discuss the possibility of placing "No Parking" signs on Crooked Lake Road. Kathy Thrall and other residents on Crooked Lake are concerned with the parking by fishermen and others on the sides of the road which is very narrow. During the winter, it makes access for snow plowing and emergency vehicles extremely difficult. Plows have had to back up about ¼ mile because parked cars make it impossible to continue through. Mr. Ellenberger reports that vehicles have damaged his garage by backing up and turning around on his property. During the summer, vehicles will park on the side of the road and remain there overnight or for a few days at a time while camping. There are some winter fishermen that park overnight also. The parking creates only a single lane opening on the road.

There will be construction (culverts) on Crooked Lake and Thousand Island Lake Road this summer and for a short time, Crooked Lake Road will be used as a detour. The residents are requesting a 90 day temporary "No Parking" while a study is conducted by the State Police to determine if "No Parking" signs are needed on a permanent basis. Darren Pionk (County Road Commission) has stated that there is no parking allowed during construction. Darren and Norm also stated that maybe they can coordinate for some of the paving to be done during the construction in order to make things more convenient for residents and businesses. The "No Parking" will have to be policed by the Tribal Police. He also stated that certain channels must be taken in order to determine if "No Parking" signs are deserved on Crooked Lake Road. Mike Rogers will write a letter to the County Road Commission requesting temporary 90 day "No Parking" on Crooked Lake Road. Darren will then contact Sargent Bruno to conduct a study. It will then be up to Darren, Supervisor Rogers and Sargent Bruno to work together to complete the survey and determine whether or not permanent "No Parking" signs will be erected on Crooked Lake Road. An area for parking is something that will have to be worked on. Bob Zelinski has a piece of property adjacent to and northeast of the cabins that he would be willing to make into a small parking lot and possibly charge a small fee to use. During the winter, some arrangements will still have to be made for plowing. The Forest Service does not have a budget for keeping their parking areas open that time of year. The Crooked Lake residents are also requesting signage by the Forest Service for a small sliver of land that they own that accesses the lake. There is not supposed to be any motorized traffic on this property, but is still used by snowmobilers and ATVs.

A motion was made by Bill Neumann with support from Rich Henriksen to add #6 to the agenda: The board will write a letter to Darren Pionk of the Road Commission to initiate a study of Crooked Lake Road. Motion carried.

There is a need for another part time worker for the Township this summer. It will be for Spring Clean - Up, especially at the cemetery and for a few hours when needed during the week. The job will paid at

the rate of \$10.00/hr and will be mainly raking, hauling, etc. After the initial 2 week clean up, there will only be up to 15 hours a week. There are no guarantees that help will be needed each week. The worker will be on call when the need arises. Applications can be picked up at the Town Offices.

A resolution was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kemppainen to accept the 2014-2015 Water and Waste Water budgets as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rogers, Kemppainen, Henriksen, Neumann, Mansfield. Resolution passed.

The Water and Waste Water companies must be self sustaining. At this time, the Water is holding it's own. The Waste Water however, is not keeping up. There has not been a significant raise in pricing for some years. A resolution was offered by Rich Henriksen and supported by Paul Kemppainen to increase sewer fees by \$2.00 to be applied to "sewer maintenance" effective the month of June 2014. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Rogers, Neumann, Henriksen, Kemppainen, Mansfield. Resolution passed.

A resolution was offered by Bill Neumann and supported by Paul Kemppainen to increase the Assessor's cost center #101254 by \$560.00 and decrease the Contingency Fund #101999 by \$560.00 in order to balance the 2013-14 budget. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rogers, Neumann, Kemppainen, Henriksen, Mansfield. Resolution passed.

A motion to have the Township Board write a letter to the Road Commission requesting a study on Crooked Lake Road for permanent placement of "No Parking" signs was offered by Rich Henriksen and supported by Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

There was a motion made by Bill Neumann with support from Rich Henriksen to pay the bills presented for payment. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: Would like the Board to think about putting up a new Town Hall that could be used for offices, events and record storage. The estimate for replacing the roof has come back at \$15,000 - \$16,000. That would be just the beginning of what kind of money will have to be put into the building to make it functional.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly report was distributed and no questions were raised.

A motion to adjourn was presented by Rich Henriksen and supported by Bill Neumann. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township, Gogebic County