

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2015 6:30PM
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Rogers.

Members Present: Mike Rogers, Rich Henriksen, Bill Neumann, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield
Citizens: One

Motion made by B. Neumann with a second from R. Henriksen to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting of January 21, 2015, Special meetings of January 28 and February 11, 2015. Motion carried.

Paul Kemppainen offered a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Support was offered by B. Neumann. Motion carried.

Old Business: Request from Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Assoc. for funding. A motion was offered by B. Neumann to table the discussion until a representative from the GOCAA makes a personal appearance and presentation for the funds as has been done in the past. A second was made by R. Henriksen. Motion carried.

New Business: 1. Planning Commission funding request for survey – A motion was offered by B. Neumann to table the request for money for the survey until the PC has gone over the survey again to fine tune the contents. There are items contained in the survey such as the Town Hall that have already been acted upon after a Public Hearing. The Board also has questions about rating the volunteer services contained in the survey (Fire Dept., First Responders, etc.). A second was offered by P. Kemppainen with recommendation to send back to PC with Rich Henriksen for further work. Motion carried. 2. Resolution on wolf management – A resolution was offered by B. Neumann for declare a resolution to provide a solution to effectively manage the over population of wolves in the western end of the U.P. A second was offered by S. Mansfield. Roll Call Vote: AYES: M. Rogers, B. Neumann, R. Henriksen, P. Kemppainen, S. Mansfield. NAYS: None The resolution was declared adopted.

There was a motion made by B. Neumann with a second by R. Henriksen to approve the bills presented for payment.

Reports: Supervisor – The asbestos abatement has been started at the Town Hall, and the old building that the town purchased next to the old Town Hall. The land survey should be done shortly. There are 3 architects lined up to talk to the board about the needs in a new facility. The steel for the Family Dollar store is being erected. The library in Land O'Lakes thanked the township for its support. The old furniture that is left in the Town Hall will be offered to Bob Zelinski if he feels anything has an historical value for a future museum. There will be a notice posted at some time in the future for a day when township residents can take items that are left before the demolition. Treasurer – The billings for the water/sewer accounts are not reconciled from the 1st of 2015 to the present. Commercial billing will begin next month now that meters are installed, and will be read by Andy each month. The computer program that we have will automatically calculate the bills. Other: Bill Neumann thanked the Board for their help in relocating the items from the room in the Town Hall where they stored all their items. Rich

Henriksen raised the question about properties on Blair Street. There was one of the condemned properties that a resident wanted to purchase, but he was under the impression that he would be responsible for all back water/sewer bills. The board will take into consideration items like this when a property is purchased and the area would be cleaned up.

A motion to adjourn was offered by B. Neumann with support from P. Kemppainen. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township

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