

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013 6:30PM
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

Roll Call: Present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Rich Henriksen, Sandy Mansfield

Absent: Paul Kemppainen

Citizens present: 16

The minutes from the regular Meeting of May 15th were approved with changes with a motion by R. Henriksen and second by B. Neumann Minutes of May 31st special meeting and public hearing were approved with a motion by Rich Henriksen and a second by Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

Special appearance by Spencer Ward representing the U.P. Compassionate Care Club. Mr Ward presented a brief history of the club and a business plan for consideration in placing an establishment in this town. The club is a place where carriers of Medical Marijuana cards can come to receive their medicine, which can only be dispensed by a care giver. This matter must be taken up with the Zoning Administrator and then the Planning Commission.

New Business:

1. The Michigan Townships Association (MTA) is encouraging every township board to adopt a Principles of Governance as an official policy of each township board. A motion was made by S. Mansfield with a second by B. Neumann to accept the Governance as policy. Motion carried.

2. There has been a request for a monetary adjustment for our Building Official (Dan Kline). No action can be taken until the budget is set for the next year. A motion was made by B. Neumann to table the issue and set up a committee to negotiate with Mr. Kline. Second by R. Henriksen. Motion carried.

3. The County Road Commission has proposed to pulverize the blacktop on the west section of Miller Road and return it to gravel due to the extremely poor condition. The cost to the township will be \$1500. A resolution to allow the County Road Commission to pulverize the blacktop on said section of Miller Road and return it to gravel in order to improve it's condition at a cost of \$1500 to the Watersmeet Township was made by S. Mansfield with a second by B. Neumann. Roll Call Vote: AYES: M. Rogers, R. Henriksen, B. Neumann, S. Mansfield

ABSENT: P. Kemppainen

Resolution passed

4. Due to well failure at the Transfer Station there is no running water or toilet facilities available for our employee or residents bringing in their trash. The old well was a hand driven sand point is has ceased to function. The township has been renting a portable toilet on a monthly basis. Last winter Supervisor Rogers approached the Tribe about working

together and allowing us to hook up to their water source in order to provide water to a facility both the Town and the Tribe use. We offered to purchase the materials and provide the labor needed to complete the hookup. Mr. Rogers was told by Joette Pete-Baldwin, Vice Tribal Chairperson, that the subject had been taken to the Tribal Council last month and was denied on the basis that they “did not sell their natural (water) resources”. We have \$3000 budgeted for this hookup. One option is to use that money to dig our own well. Another option is to leave things as they stand, no running water available at the transfer station. A motion was made by B. Neumann to dig our own well for the transfer station in order to have running water for our employee and customers. A second was made by M. Rogers. Motion carried.

5. The Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet (ISCCW) has requested funding from the Township Board. In the past a contribution of \$2500 has been given. A resolution to Give \$2500 to ISCCW was offered by B. Neumann with a second by R. Henriksen. Roll Call Vote. AYES: M. Rogers, B. Neumann, R. Henriksen, S. Mansfield. ABSENT: P. Kemppainen. Resolution passed.

A motion to pay the bills presented was made by R. Henriksen, with a second by B. Neumann. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Three (3) properties were condemned last month.

Clean up Days went fairly well on June 14 and 15. There are a few areas that will need review for next year.

Treasurer: The treasurer’s report was read by the Clerk in the absence of the treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Rogers received a letter from the Michigan Committee for employer support of the Guard and Reserve. This matter will be taken up at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by B. Neumann with a second from R. Henriksen. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township