

APPROVED 9/17/2014
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2014 6:30 PM
WATERSMEET SCHOOL LIBRARY

The regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm. Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Rich Henriksen, Paul Kemppainen and Sandy Mansfield. There were 8 citizens in attendance.

A motion was offered by Mr. Henriksen to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014 regular meeting with support from P. Kemppainen. A motion was offered by P. Kemppainen with support from S. Mansfield to approve the minutes from the special meeting of July 15, 2014. Motions carried.

Public Comments: A letter from Julie Matheisen was read into the minutes by the clerk. The letter in short supported the proposed revision to the Zoning Ordinance regarding language change to Section 5:03 Keyhole Prohibition requesting better definitions be placed in the ordinance in order to make it more consistent. Zoning Administrator Dave Neumann brought up the topic of reducing the cost for special use permits for rentals on the lakes. After some discussion, it was decided that this topic would be placed on the September meeting agenda.

There was a motion offered by B. Neumann to accept the Agenda as presented. A second was made by P. Kemppainen. Motion carried.

New Business: 1. Building Inspector Dan Kline reported that at his last training session, it was told to inspectors that a permit was required for maintenance or replacement of roofs, windows, doors etc. Mr. George Peterson contacted Senator Casperson who in turn contacted the Bureau of Construction Codes and found that the state does not require a building permit for ordinary repairs of a building structure. No permit is required for a new roof, windows or doors as long as there is no change to the structure. A motion was made by P. Kemppainen with support from R. Henriksen to opt out of the requirement for building permits for general maintenance of your residence. Roll Call Vote: Rogers: Yes, Neumann: yes, Henriksen: yes, Kemppainen: yes, Mansfield: yes. Motion carried. A list of "what does general maintenance consist of" will be available at the Town offices.

2. A motion was offered by P. Kemppainen with support from B. Neumann to accept with typing corrections, Section 5.03 Keyhole Prohibition language suggested by Attorney Pope. Roll Call Vote: Rogers: yes, Kemppainen: yes, Henriksen: yes, Neumann: yes, Mansfield: yes. Motion carried.

3. The removal of the asbestos on the old church property next to the town offices as well as the demolition of the site will begin August 25th, 2014. Pearson Asbestos Abatement, Inc. will do the abatement and Norm Pestka Construction will do the demolition Total cost for the jobs will be \$22,515.00. It was asked if the water problem (standing water) would be solved and the answer was probably not. It was also asked whether it will be a buildable/useable lot after demolition. Yes it will be both buildable and useable when cleared. A motion by B. Neumann to accept the bids for abatement and demolition was offered and supported by R. Henriksen. Roll Call Vote: Neumann: yes, Henriksen: yes, Rogers: yes, Kemppainen: yes, Mansfield: yes. Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by B. Neumann to amend the budget in the amount of \$1,000 for a fire department grant from Enbridge. Second from R. Henriksen. Roll call vote: Neumann: yes, Henriksen: yes, Rogers: yes, Kemppainen: yes, Mansfield: yes. Carried.

5. There was a discussion regarding the Cemetery Ordinance initiated by Sexton Bill Neumann. There were some possible changes offered and discussed. A motion to table the subject until September's meeting was offered by R. Henriksen with a second from S. Mansfield. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Rogers thanked all who are helping to volunteer time and energy to build the pavilion at Bass Lake Park. The list of workers include donations of Rock for the retaining wall from Norm Pestka Construction and John Gorshe, Peterson Excavation for digging the post holes, Dale Grosso from WE Energies for setting the flag poles and volunteer workers: Dan Kline (heading up the work), Greg Mansfield, Andy Hacker, Mike Rogers, Roger Mansfield, Frank Kuchevar and anyone else that may have been missed. Working together for the community can be a fun and rewarding experience and many thanks go out. All of the permits for work at the Park including the permits for the outhouses have been gotten. The last Sunday that the Transfer Station will be open in Sunday, August 31, 2014. The owner of condemned building at US 2 and Cisco lake Road is getting bids for removal of the buildings. Our sidewalk work for this year has been completed adding to the town's curb appeal and hopefully encouraging resident pride of ownership. The LVD police contract has been signed. Andy and Mike are working on the the Vac-Truck so we can do a lot of pumping work on our own and save the money we pay out to Northern Septic.

Treasurer: P.Kemppainen presented the treasurer's report with no additions or comments from the board.

Clerk: S.Mansfield reported that there will be a meeting with Alan Piel to gather any information and bills needed for submittal for payment on the completed work of Agonikak trails.

Other: Post 417 of the American Legion in Watersmeet asked that all flags to be burned be deposited at the township offices no later than Friday afternoon, August 22, 2014. It was also brought up that DNR Commercial Forest Land (CFR) can be used for trapping as well as hunting and fishing. Charlene Kemppainen reported that after taking her mother to see the progress at Bass Lake, she commented that "it looks just like it used to"!! That's exactly what kind of reaction we were hoping to receive from town residents.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Don Williams Commander of Legion Post 417 of Watersmeet, was read by Supervisor Rogers. It was a "thank you" from the post for the wonderful job done in preparing the Township Cemetery for Memorial Day.

A motion to adjourn was presented by B.Neumann with a second by P.Kemppainen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township