

Approved 6/15/16
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2016
6:30PM US FOREST SERVICE ADMIN. BUILDING
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann, and Sandy Mansfield.

Absent: Rich Henriksen

Citizens Present: Peggy Tuttle, Steve Roth, Jeff Moser and Pat Walsh

A motion was made by Bill Neumann with a second from Sandy Mansfield to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 20, 2016 and the special meeting of May 5, 2016. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Velda Sclafani from Core Development was present to present her proposal to work with us in finding new businesses for the area. She worked for 3 years to bring Family Dollar into town. Velda will call developers to work to get them to open businesses the Watersmeet area. She does not want any payment until after August of 2016 to give us time to see what she can do for us. At that time, we would then draw up a contract and discuss fees. Bill Neumann also informed her of our website and that she can post pertinent items there for the public to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peggy Tuttle asked if it is possible to paint a cross walk from the tennis court area to the sidewalk at the east end of Tim Duncan Automotive where the walking trail is located. There is a lot of traffic and cars travel at a high (45 mph) rate of speed in that area and we need to take every precaution for our pedestrians and bikers, young and old alike. Mike Rogers stated that he will get in touch with the Road Commission and get permission to paint the area. The Township owns a paint striper and that is something that we can do ourselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resolution supporting Highland Copper's Copperwood & White Pine North Project located in the charter township of Ironwood, Wakefield Township and White Pine in Ontonagon county was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Roll Call Vote: "ayes": Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. "nays": none. Resolution declared "passed" by Supervisor Rogers.

Supervisor Rogers read a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Richard "Dick" Caudill. Dick has served the Township for over 40 years as a fire fighter, EMT and Fire Chief. The board regretfully accepts his resignation. Dick will remain active as an EMT and will continue to write grants and help with training. It is his recommendation that Bruce Caudill follow as the new Fire Chief. Bruce is the only other firefighter at this time that is certified for Fire Chief. Bruce has served as the Assistant Fire Chief up until now. A motion was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann to accept Dick's resignation and his recommendation to appoint Bruce Caudill as new Fire Chief. Motion carried.

BILLS:

A motion was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Bill Neumann to approve the payment for the bills presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Supervisor -- The concrete pad for the new recycling compactor has been poured. The new compactor is being built. This compactor will take all recyclables without having to sort them. The board is in hopes of making residents aware of how important recycling is. It is necessary in order to cut down on the amount of trash put into landfills and we all need to take an active part in being "environmentally responsible".

Greg has the cemetery cleanup nearly completed. The sidewalks in town are being worked on in order to show the town's desire to present a "well kept" image for not only passers through, but for our residents as well. We hope that our efforts will spread to home owners and that pride of ownership will continue.

The town crew has begun cleanup of the old discharge station on Round House Road. We would hope that the future will see a new picnic area and a possible "dog park" for our resident pet parents and those passing through town.

The tennis courts are scheduled to be paved tomorrow, May 20th. This is being paid for with 2% monies. So far, 14 agencies have bid on the new Community Center project. The bids will be opened on June 1st.

Treasurer – Once again, the checkbook is balanced. Last month saw our checkbook balance at our high point for the year. We will see an increase again after summer taxes are collected.

Clerk – We are gearing up for our audit and also for the upcoming fall elections.

Other – Bill Neumann asked that we consider a composting area at the transfer station. He also reports that the pad is in place in the cemetery for the memorial for the unmarked and unknown graves. It will be done this year, but not in time for Memorial Day. Memorial Day Legion services will be held at LVD at 8:00am and at 10:00am at the township memorial located near the pavilion. There is a committee working on arrangement for the 4th of July and information will be posted by the committee. Our website is being updated by Holly Guerin of Guerinteed IT and should be up and running by the end of this month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Neumann with a second from Paul Kemppainen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township