

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2016 6:30PM  
FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
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The regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Rogers.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield, Paul Kempainen  
Citizens present: 16

A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with a second from Paul Kempainen to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting of October 19, 2016. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with a second from Paul Kempainen to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of November 4, 2016. Motion carried.

**APPEARANCES:**

Eric Smith from NMU gave a presentation on a Broadband wireless connection that may be of interest to the residents and students of Watersmeet Township. NMU began working with wireless connections in 2008 when notebooks were made available for students in Marquette. In order for all students to have access to wireless internet, NMU has collaborated with MAPS (Marquette Area Public Schools) so students can stay connected with their classroom activities and assignments once they leave school grounds. EAN (Educational Access network) is the product of this collaboration. This internet service could be made available to other communities in the area as it is made available through Fiber Optics. Watersmeet already has Fiber Optics running through town. Students would receive a reduced price for the service and service could also be made available to other residents for a fee. There would have to be a study to determine whether or not we have the amount of residents needed to cover costs and also a geographic study to determine the ability for the signal to reach some outlying areas.

**NEW BUSINESS;**

Mary Ellen Otterpool has applied to be on the Roster for Watersmeet EMT's. Mary Ellen is also an EMT for the Land O'Lakes Fire Department. Watersmeet needs a minimum of 12 EMT's on the roster in order to be considered for our own ambulance. Her application was signed by the Assistant Fire Chief and submitted to the Township Board for approval. A motion was made by Bill Neumann with a second by Paul Kempainen to accept the application. Motion carried. The Board wants to welcome her into our service.

A new rental agreement is needed for the pavilion and the new Community Center. There is already interest in renting the new hall for events in 2017. A draft of a new agreement was handed out to the board members for their input. A motion to table the discussion until next meeting was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

A motion was made by Paul Kempainen with a second from Bill Neumann to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion carried. Bills were paid with checks #36548 – 36564 for GF. # 3988 for Waste Water Fund.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Ruotsala has asked for a 28 day extension due to the change orders that have been put in place. Supervisor Rogers granted the extension. They are on schedule as far as the original scope of work.

Treasurer: Winter tax bills will be going out the first week in December. All accounts are balanced. Paul also thanked Mr. Smith for a good presentation on the Broadband.

Clerk: Election is over and now the reports that will be asked for by the state are being taken care of.

Other: Bill Neumann welcomed Alan Piel to the Board as our new Trustee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Neumann with a second by Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township

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