

APPROVED 6/21/2017
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017
6:30PM
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER
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The regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:35pm. Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield.

A motion to approve the special meeting minutes of May 5, 2017 was offered by Paul Kemppainen with a second by Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alan Piel with a second from Paul Kemppainen to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held April 19, 2017. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Steve Roth voiced his dissatisfaction with the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees. He feels the boards are not getting things done and that he has lost time and money by attending. There have been a few times that the Planning Commission has not had a quorum show for a meeting and he has made the effort to attend. The Master Plan is still being worked on and is not complete. He has asked for the amount of salaries for the past 4 years that has been paid out to the Planning Commission.

Julie Mathiesen asked if it would be possible to use the Community Center for an MSU Extension Class the end of July. She will call with the exact date. The class will deal with shoreline protection.

Pat Walsh questioned the definition of "house", "garage", "storage" relating to taxes charged. A "dwelling" has certain criteria that needs to be met and buildings are taxed based on what type is applied for when obtaining a building permit and also on the final inspection.

A motion was made by Alan Piel with approval from Paul Kemppainen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Medical Marijuana Ordinance changes...

The following changes have been recommended:

** We will substitute "primary caregiver operations" for "medical marijuana clubhouses" throughout the entire ordinance. We will delete the definition of "medical marijuana clubhouse" and add a new definition for "primary caregiver operations". The new definition will be the same as the old EXCEPT for the last sentence ("The definition includes distribution center, provisionary center or any other name for such a location.") This sentence will be deleted.

**We will insert the following sentence at the end of Section 7.16 paragraph: "Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to allow any medical marijuana facilities authorized by the Medical marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, MCL 333.2701, et.seq. and any amendments thereto."

A motion was offered by Alan Piel with support from Sandy Mansfield to amend the Medical Marijuana Ordinance with the above changes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Bill Neumann offered a resolution to accept the Water and Waste Water Budgets presented for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Support was given by Alan Piel. Roll Call Vote: Yeas... Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Nays...none. Resolution declared passed.

Supervisor Rogers nominated Fred Duerkop for the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire on 12/31/2018. A motion was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann to re-elect Fred Duerkop to this position. Motion carried.

Paul Kempainen offered a motion to re-appoint alternate member Sheryl Pytlarz to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a second from Bill Neumann. The term will expire 12/31/2019.

Sandy Mansfield offered a motion to appoint Julie Mathiesen as an additional alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on 12/31/2020. Alan Piel gave support to the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alan Piel with a second from Paul Kempainen to appoint Peggy Tuttle to the Planning Commission to replace Shelley Hazen (resigned). Term to expire 12/31/2019. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills:

A motion by Paul Kempainen with support from Alan Piel to pay bills presented for payment. Motion carried. General Fund checks #37008 – 37025, Waste Water Checks #4017 – 4018 and Water check for Check #3209.

Reports:

Supervisor: The pavilion kitchen is complete in time for the summer rental season. The boat dock has been installed out at Bass Lake Park, LVD will have a Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am – 2pm at the Building Trades Building at 23969 Transfer Station Rd in Watersmeet. Please contact Jen for prices and list of acceptable items at jbarton@nwrc.com or 715-635-2197.

Treasurer: The books are once again balanced. We are at our high for the year following tax time. Both the Water Fund and Waste Water Funds are in good shape also.

Clerk: Open House at the Community Center on May 26th, 2017. See the website and notices posted around town for information.

Fire Chief: There were 19 EMS calls for the month of April. No fire calls. The Forest Service reported no unattended fires in the Ottawa Forest. The Ottawa Forest Service supplied hand tools for the Wild Land fire truck. There was 100% participation in the fire department Master Stream class and 80% participation in the Ottawa Forest water supply class.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Alan Piel with a second by Paul Kempainen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township