

Approved 7/26/2017
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017
6:30PM
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
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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, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. 10 citizens.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 17th, 2017 meeting was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Don Williams presented the board with pictures and information on a “sprinkler sleight”. He and Gary Prentiss made the sleigh, a replica of those used in the late 1870s – early 1880s. They would like to donate it to the town for display as an historical reminder of days past. The board would have to transport it from Lower Michigan in order to display it in probably the Township Park. The sleigh weighs approximately 5000 pounds and the cost of bringing it to Watersmeet is estimated at about \$1250.00.

COMMENTS:

Peggy Tuttle talked about how the town is improving and would like to see some “sprucing up” done at the intersection of Hwy 2 & Hwy 45. It would be nice to consider some flowering trees (not to obstruct driver’s vision) at the corner. She was also wondering about the owner of the property on the southwest corner. There has been nothing done with it for years and it would be nice to see what the plans are for that parcel. This is something that can be looked at and talked about before the next budget year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 A motion to appoint Craig Hesse to the Planning Commission seat vacated by Mark McGrath was offered by Sandy Mansfield with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried. His term will expire 12/31/2019.
- 2 A motion to change the Township Board meeting in July from July 19 to the July 26 was offered by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.
- 3 A motion to approve a new Fire Department application submitted by Dylan Grosso was offered by Paul Kempainen. Support was offered by Alan Piel. Motion carried. Welcome Dylan!
- 4 A resolution to transfer money received from the county in the form of National Forest Royalty Payments totaling \$26,136.83 was offered by Sandy Mansfield with support from Alan Piel. The money will be transferred from Account #101427 to account #444880 (Road Building and Repair) for future use.
- 5 A motion was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann to accept the donation of the sprinkler sleigh from Don Williams and Gary Prentiss. The board will find transportation to bring it to its new home. Roll Call vote: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion to approve payment of the bills presented by offered by Alan Piel and supported by Bill Neumann. Motion carried. General Fund checks Number 37088 thru 37103. Water Fund check #3214 and Waste Water checks #4022 and 4023.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: The County is working of Thousand Island Lake Road and will be grating and compacting to get ready to pave the week after the 4th of July. There is ongoing work replacing culverts also.

Treasurer: Summer taxes will be out around the 4th of July. Payments can be dropped off with the secretary or if you need to personally speak with Paul, please call ahead to be sure he is in the office.

Clerk: The auditor will be here beginning sometime in July.

Fire Department: There were 19 EMS calls in June, 1 Fire call, 1 Mutual Aid call in Paulding. The class members are preparing for the September testing for Fire Fighter 1 certification. New pagers have been received. The department is happy to welcome Dylan Grosso.

Police: Chief Burke was unable to attend, but sent a report for the month of May. There were 10,207 miles logged and 274 complaints/calls answered.

A motion was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Bill Neumann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township