

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017
6:30PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Paul Kemppainen, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Sandy Mansfield

Citizens: Chris Wegner, Pat Walsh, Dave Neumann, Kathy Stupak-Thrall, Andy Hacker, Judy Hall, Steve Roth.

A motion was made by Paul Kemppainen with support from Alan Piel to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting with corrections. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Pat Walsh asked if Fish Hawk road could please be put on the list for maintenance/repair. The board is putting money into the road account so we can meet the 60/40 match needed for road repair. It will be put on the list.

Steve Roth stated that he hasn't been able to get the agenda off the town's website. It was put on the web page over a week ago and the clerk was able to print copies. There may be a small glitch in his computer, but someone will double check with our IT to make sure all is operating properly.

New Business:

A resolution was offered by Paul Kemppainen and supported by Alan Piel to funnel up to \$210,000 through the township for the Whitefish Lake Trail Project. The bills will be paid from account #101512 and then will be reimbursed to the town from the MDNR.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield
Resolution declared "passed".

Per our auditor's request, we need to create a new account titled "Debt Relief" for the payback of the Rural Development loan for the community Center. A resolution was offered by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kemppainen to delete the account #265910 set up for payback under Buildings and Ground and create the account #101984 "Debt Relief" The wills will be paid from the subaccount "Rural Development" #101984A.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Paul Kemppainen, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Mike Rogers, Sandy Mansfield
Resolution declared "passed".

Approval of bills:

A motion was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Sandy Mansfield to pay the bills as presented. The bills will be paid from the General Fund with check #s 37250-37265, Water Fund #4032-4033 and Waste Water Fund #3222. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor: The Rec Plan and Master Plan have been submitted to the board for review and we will act on them at the next regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees in September. We have received a permit from the DEQ to have a compost area at the transfer station. We will accept leaves and clippings as well as branches up to 1" in diameter.

Treasurer: All accounts are reconciled. We are still at a downward spiral with funds until closer to the end of the year when we get our money from taxes.

Clerk: The audit is in process. As of this time there are no major red flags that have been thrown. The audit should be complete in the next few weeks.

Bill Neumann asked about the 1 time free dump for residents in lieu of a “dump day”. This will take place in 2018 and there will be information included in the tax statements that go out in December.

Alan Piel reported that Pitlik and Wick will begin the Whitefish Lake Trail work the 1st of September and the project should be completed in less than a month.

Fire Chief Andy Hacker: There have been 13 medical calls this month and 1 fire call. A special thanks to Kameron Caudill for a great showing in the Demo Derby at the Iron River fair. The West Iron County Fire Department sponsored the event and Kameron came in 3rd.

Other matters: Steve Roth asked where the Duck Lake issue stands. A suit has been filed and we are waiting for more information.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk