

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2017
6:30PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
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The December meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield
Citizens: 7

A motion to approve the minutes of Regular meeting 11/15/2017, and special meetings of 11/17/17, 11/28/17 and 12/4/17 was offered by Paul Kempainen and supported by Alan Piel. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Julie Mathiesen mentioned that she had heard that the Pachmayer property had sold and that we would have to go through the entire special use permit issue again if the owners wanted to do short term rental.

Agenda:

Supervisor Rogers asked to change the agenda to include #8 EMT funding. A motion to approve the new agenda was made by Sandy Mansfield with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

New Business:

#1 A motion to reappoint planning commission members Roy D'Antonio, Jeff Wasson and Jeff Zelinski for a term ending 12/31/2020 was made by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.

#2 A motion to reappoint Joe LoMastro to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 12/31/2019 was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.

A motion to appoint John Cestkowski as liaison from the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals (term ending 12/31/2019) was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen. Motion carried.

#3 A motion to appoint Linda Bush as an alternate to the Board of Review term ending 12/31/2018 was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

#4 A motion was offered by Sandy Mansfield with support from Alan Piel to table the appointment of fire chief until the January meeting. Motion carried. The board needs to meet with both candidates for questioning regarding the position and its responsibilities and qualifications.

#5 Supervisor Rogers was asked by resident Tom Chester about the possibility of purchasing two small slivers of land on either side of his property from the township. This property is located by the tennis/basketball courts. A motion to tentatively agree to sell based on an appraisal of the land was offered by Alan Piel and supported by Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

#6 A motion was offered by Bill Neumann to officially hire Dayton (Wenzel) Bain as township foreman with the required probationary period. Paul Kempainen supported. Roll Call: Ayes....Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Sandy Mansfield. Nays...None. Motion carried. The board would like to welcome Wenzel.

#7 The County Road Commission is considering constructing a new building in Ironwood for equipment repair etc. Marenisco Supervisor Dick Bovet has written a letter of opposition to the board as he believes that a much better place would be in the Wakefield, Marenisco area that is more centrally located for all the townships. There is property in Marenisco that could be used and there are already utilities to the land. There was a motion by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann for the board to draft a letter to the Road Commission voicing our disagreement with the decision to build in Ironwood over Marenisco. Motion carried.

#8 Dino Giannola has 3 possible 4 people signed up to take EMT classes. LVD has funded the classes with 2% money in the past. No one has finished the classes and LVD is out the money and the township is still without EMTs. The people that have signed up this time have had to sign a contract with the township and they will be responsible for paying back the money if they do not complete the course and they must also agree to at least 36 months service to the Watersmeet Township fire department as EMTs. This contract was drawn up by the township attorney and is legal and binding. A motion to fund this class was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann. Roll Call: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Alan Piel and Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. Bills paid with General Fund checks 37518-37535 and Waste Water checks 4054-4055.

Reports:

Supervisor: The BIA wants to do a lecture for drug awareness in January and hold it at the community center. Once the time and date has been set, we will post the information on the website and also at the post office and town offices.

Please note that the January meeting will also be a public hearing for Building Code fines. Dave Neumann will also have an appearance regarding the Brownfield Development group.

Treasurer: Books are balanced.

Bill Neumann: There is still a bill at the state level that deals with short term rentals, but nothing updated.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township