

APPROVED 4/18/2018
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018
6:30 PM
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER
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The last regular meeting for the fiscal year 2017-2018 was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

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

Others: 6

A motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting of February 21, 2018 and special meetings of February 26, March 8, and March 23 was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

A motion to enter into a Public Hearing was offered by Bill Neumann and supported by Alan Piel. Motion carried. Hearing entered at 6:35pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the upcoming 2018-2019 fiscal year budget to the township residents and board for review and questions were answered.

A motion to leave the Public Hearing and reenter the regular meeting was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was reentered at 6:40pm. A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kempainen to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Julie Mathiesen stated that she believes that there should be a policy that available jobs for the township be posted. She didn't see the posting for secretary when Tom Radzwilowicz passed away. The board did post according to union rules. The board also posted for the position of Township Foreman and several interviews were conducted. She also had a question about the job of Zoning Administrator being posted. That job has been combined into the job of Building Inspector.

New Business:

Sandy Mansfield asked for a resolution for move \$11,681.61 to be moved from the contingency fund #101999 and \$10,562.19 of that placed into account #851999 and \$1119.42 placed into account #266702 in order to balance cost centers for the end of the year. Bill Neumann resolved to make these transactions with support from Alan Piel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Resolution declared "passed" by supervisor Rogers.

There as a motion to ratify the budget for the 2018 – 2019 budget year offered by Paul Kempainen and support from Alan Piel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Alan Piel, Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

The General Appropriations Act Resolution was read to the board and the public. A resolution to accept the General Appropriations Act was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann. Roll

Call Vote: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Paul Kemppainen, Alan Piel, Sandy Mansfield. Resolution declared "passed" by Supervisor Rogers.

Reports:

Supervisor: Ordinances to set up our own police department were passed at a special meeting of March 23, 2018. The summary will be published in the paper and then the ordinances will be posted on the website. Copies can be obtained by coming into the offices during regular business hours. Supervisor Rogers also met with representatives from the County regarding ambulance service. The western townships of Gogebic County may be without ambulance service if Beacon pulls out. They are proposing a county wide 1 mill addition for ambulance service. Watersmeet is against this as we have to pay for our own services and feel that the only way we would go along with this millage is if an ambulance would be based in our town. We will have to wait and see what further develops.

Treasurer: We are at our most "flush" time of the year and from now on, it will be a steady decline in funds. All check books are balanced.

Clerk: We are planning to attend a County Commission meeting possibly in May in order to present our side of the coin as far as PILT (Payment in lieu of taxes) money is concerned. We will be getting the word out to all of our residents in order to inform every one of the situation. We are hoping concerned residents will join us at the meeting.

Bill Neumann: As the cemetery sexton, he has received calls be people upset that we don't bury year round. We do not have the ability to do interment 12 months out of the year. Bill expects that the cemetery will be open by Mary 1st of this year.

Paul Runcie: Paul is the assistant Fire Chief and filled in for Jim Pittsley during this meeting. The tank and pump for the rescue ranger have been installed and are up and running. There was a gas line break this month, but all affected were evacuated safely and the situation was taken care of.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township