

APPROVED 4/18/2018
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018
8:30AM
Watersmeet Township Community Center
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A special meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 8:30am

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

Members absent: Bill Neumann both excused

Others: Paul Runcie, Tracy Runcie

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was offered by Mike Rogers with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

Special Business to Consider: Naming the person chosen to become Police Chief for Watersmeet Township, once all the paperwork has been completed for establishing the department. The board was given the option of choosing an officer from the LVD PD to fill the position. There are still items that need to be taken care of before the police department can become operational. We are waiting on paperwork from the Tribe. They have stated that they would still provide 2% funds for the department as well as helping to get us up and running. They have also stated that they may cut 2% funding. The officers that were considered for the position were: Dale Kemppainen, Paul Runcie, George Peterson and Nick Christ.

The Board needs to take immediate action to name an officer because before the Department can become official, we need to have a MITN (Michigan Information Technology Network) officer that can be the point of contact, someone authorized to deal with the State MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards).

A motion to hire Paul Runcie as the future Watersmeet Township Police Chief, once the department has become up and running, was offered by Sandy Mansfield with support from Alan Piel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes...Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Sandy Mansfield, Paul Kemppainen. Nays...None. Absent, Bill Neumann. Motion passed.

A motion to send Paul Runcie to the training this month for MITN was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

The board felt that a "new face" may be very beneficial for Police Chief as not being from the area he has no political or personal ties that may interfere with the job he will be required to do.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kemppainen. Meeting adjourned at 8:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township