

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 18, 2018
6:30 PM
WATERSMEET 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 Kemppainen and Sandy Mansfield
8 Citizens were also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2018 and the special meeting of July 5, 2018 was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

Public comment:

Dave Neumann made a request for the speed limit sign by Hope Lutheran Church on the border of Watersmeet and Land O'Lakes to be moved so that people who are exiting the church parking lot after services are kept safer from the traffic on Hwy 45. People see the speed limit sign of 55 mph and are up to speed before it should actually take effect. Mike Rogers stated the Justin Juntala of the DOT is planning to come down and he mentioned this to him. He will look at the sign and location when he is here and said they may do a study to see if moving the sign is warranted.

Bills:

A motion to approve the bills as presented was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. Bills to be paid from General Fund with check #s 38020 thru 38039, Waste Water check #s 4090 and 4091 and Water check # 3286

Reports:

Supervisor...The generator should arrive around July 25th and will be installed. Stops will be doing the piping. LVD Tribe has decided not to accept the agreement for the police force. This means that we will have to go forward in the future with our own department without the Tribe's help. We do have a police car in our possession and also a boat that we may be able to use for patrol of the lakes during the summer. The boat was gone for a time, but was found and brought back and needs to be tested to be sure it is in good working condition. There is a Public Hearing set for this Friday, July 20th at 4:00pm at the Community Center for the special assessment request by the CCROA (Cisco Chain Raparian Owner Association).

Treasurer.... Books are all balanced. There have been a number of phone calls over the increase in the school tax. The Township has nothing to do with this. The school is within its legal right to levy up to 5 mills. The purpose of this raise is to retire the debt of the school building quicker than the remaining 9 years. If people have questions, they can contact the school for further information.

Clerk.... The clerk has contacted each of our State Representatives to let them know that the Township Board is not in favor of closing the prison in Marenisco. This is a large employer in the County and we cannot afford to lose jobs or children in our schools. Mike Rogers interjected that Gogebic County has the fastest declining population in Michigan. A FOIA request was received and answered by the clerk for a property on Crooked Lake.

Fire Commissioner....Bill is working with Jim on the radio/pager system. There have been a few burials and he has fielded some calls concerning cemetery issues. Mike Rogers added that he has spoken with Jim Loeper head of 911 and he will give us an \$8000 portable radio for our police department.

Fire Chief...Jim Pittsley stated that there was a fire on Wolf Lake Friday and some of our equipment received some damage, but parts are on order and should be in next week. Paul Kemppainen stated that the people whose property was involved in the fire said that they were pleased with the response of the department and all they were able to do. Jim, Paul Runcie and Bruce Caudill will be working on the By-Laws of the department to do some rewording and check on some state laws that we may not be up on at this time.

Bill Neumann offered a motion to adjourn the meeting with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township

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