

APPROVED 9/19/2018  
SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 24, 2018 4:00PM  
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER  
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A special meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by supervisor M. Rogers at 4:05pm.

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

Others present: 16

At 4:10pm a motion to enter into a public hearing was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

A final public hearing for the CCROA Special Assessment District was conducted with no objections to the plans and treatment of invasive species in the Cisco Chain. Bill Dean stated that he understands that the CCROA has two goals with the special assessment. 1...to create a funding source for the improvements and 2...to remove the need for further permission from the land owners for the removal of the invasive species. Mr. Dean says there are 150 years of case law stating that all but pre-dam waters require the permission and cooperation of the property owners for improvements. A letter from the DEQ was handed out stating that conditions set forth in this letter had been met and it is legal for this special assessment plan to proceed. (see letter attached to minutes). It was also brought up that over 200 such special assessment districts have been set up in the State Of Michigan. Mr. Bruce Leberecht and Dave Hodgemen also stated that they are not against the special assessment, but feel there are some loose ends that need to be dealt with, such as updating the owners about what is happening. Mr. McGuffin stated that the CCROA will monitor and put out updates in their newsletter and on the website. There were also some concerns about who will be in control of the money. The Township will be the funneling agent, by law, and will collect this tax and give it to the CCROA. Also, by law, this money cannot be used for any other purpose than the control of invasive species.

The tax roll was presented to the Township Board at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for review. The roll was reviewed by the board at this special meeting/public hearing and heard no objections to it.

A motion to go back to the regular special meeting was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. Meeting re-entered at 4:35 pm.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried.

Special Business:

Resolution #4 was read and offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann confirming the roll as reported. Roll Call Vote: Yeas....Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Resolution declared "passed" by Supervisor Rogers.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann and supported by Alan Piel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk

Watersmeet Township