

APPROVED 10.17.18  
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018  
6:30PM  
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER  
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The regular monthly meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mike Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield  
Other present: 9 citizens

A motion was offered by Paul Kemppainen with support from Bill Neumann to accept the minutes from the Regular August 15, 2018 meeting and the special meeting/Public hearing of August 24, 2018. Motion carried.

There was an appearance by Anna Talaska to introduce herself as one of the candidates for Probate Judge. She gave a brief rundown of her qualifications and gave everyone handouts.

Public Comments:

Julie Mathiesen commented regarding the proposed ordinance changes for R1 and R2 additional structures. She agrees with the content, but feels there needs to be language changes and also that it needs to address R&F. She feels that there is an inequity in what can be done in the different districts. The proposed change should probably be sent back to the Planning Commission for further work. Dave Sheryl also agrees that it should be sent back to the Planning Commission for further clarification. Pat Walsh questioned a bill from LVD construction. He thought we hired them for a project, and he does not believe they are licensed. The bill was for the help in moving the emergency generator onto the cement platform that was poured to hold it.

Yvonne Clark stated that Zoning was created because different districts need to be treated differently. Yvonne also stated that the Senior Coffees are becoming a success, but there is discussion at these events about the lack of wall coverings in the Township Community Center. She suggest forming a Citizens Committee to figure out what type of items could be displayed and how to display them. Suggestions of quilts, art, history and heritage have been made. She would be willing to head a committee for this purpose. We have an abundance of talented people in the township and we could feature some of their creations.

Julie Mathiesen also asked about having joint training of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to establish the determination of which commission has jurisdiction over specific matters of (for example) special use in L1, L2 and R&F.

Bill Neumann offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

New Business:

A resolution to amend the budget to reflect the addition of money from a closed out bank account and additional loan proceeds for the emergency generator was offered by Bill Neumann with support from

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

Senate Bill 396 passed 9/6/18, allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (a.k.a. "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads. A resolution was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel, to strongly oppose SB 396. Roll Call Votes...Ayes: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield. Resolution declared "passed".

Supervisor Rogers suggested that the proposed changes to the R&F Ordinance be tabled and worked on by the Township Board before approval. A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel to table the approval until it can be clarified. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. General Fund check between meeting...#'s 38134 thru 38180. Bills presented, checks #38181 thru 38204. Water Fund between meetings, #3297 thru 3298, bills presented, check #3299. Waste Water fund between meetings, #s 4099 & 4100. Bills presented, #'s 4101 thru 4103.

#### Reports:

Supervisor...The pumps for the new lift station are on backorder. A rep from FEMA stopped by with a packet about flood insurance. If the township were to take out a policy, then anyone else interested could also take out the insurance.

Treasurer...The bank balances are high right now, due to the receipt of taxes, but we haven't written the check to the county yet. In response to a question raised by David Sheryl about the expense and revenue report.....we are at 4000+% of the budget under misc. receivables. This is an estimated number and we have had more unexpected income than we could have projected. This includes a check from the county for an ambulance payback in the amount of \$11,000+. Half of this amount will be credited to the LVD tribe when we get the next bill for ambulance service.

Clerk....Ballots will be arriving in the next day or two and then the people who have submitted Absentee Ballot requests will have their ballots sent to them.

Fire Commissioner, Cemetery Sexton: There have been two burials recently. 1<sup>st</sup> net communications has a cell phone system for EMT and First Responders in order to guarantee service with no dead zones. The cost is \$40/phone for a dedicated line.

Fire Chief: Jim Pittsley stated that there will be a rep from 1<sup>st</sup> Net at the October meeting in order to explain the system and answer questions. There is a petition being circulated in Land O'Lakes for a cell tower there in order to possibly increase communications for cell phone users. Jim reports that to date, there have been 153 fire and medical runs. Paul Runcie has passed the tests for EMT certification and will now be working as an EMT for the fire/rescue department. Betty Bolton and Karlie Caudill still need to test out.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kemppainen. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk  
Watersmeet Township