

Approved 12/19/2018
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018
6:30PM
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER
www.watersmeet.us

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, Paul Kempainen, alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Sandy Mansfield. Other citizens 4

There was a motion made by Bill Neumann to accept the minutes from the October regular meeting/public hearing. Support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.

No special appearances or public comments.

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

New Business:

1. Board of Review Date. A motion was made by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann to accept the date of December 10, 2018 for the Board of Review to meet. The BOR will meet at 1:00pm for 3 items, Clerical errors, Poverty exemptions and Veterans exemptions only. Motion carried.
2. Aid to Marenisco. Marenisco Township has incurred \$70,000 in bills so far in fighting the closure of the Ojibway Correctional Center. Wakefield Township has kicked in \$5,000, The County Board has kicked in a onetime \$25,000 and there has been no response at this time from the other Townships or cities. Sandy Mansfield suggested a onetime donation of \$10,000 to help defray the costs. Marenisco and Watersmeet are the 2 townships that have to shoulder the majority of funding for the County in terms of PILT and she feels that Marenisco would come to our aid if we needed it. Paul Kempainen made a motion to make a onetime donation of \$10,000 to Marenisco to help defray legal costs with support from Alan Piel. Roll Call Vote: AYES...Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.
3. Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments Ordinance. The Township Board of Trustees passed an ordinance to prohibit establishing storefronts for the distribution of recreational marijuana and associated products. The ordinance is available at the Township offices during regular operating hours and it will also be available on the website at www.watersmeet.us. A motion to enact this ordinance was offered by Alan Piel with support from Sandy Mansfield. Roll Call Vote: AYES...Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. Ordinance has passed.
4. Write-offs. Paul Kempainen presented 3 water/sewer accounts to be written off due to bankruptcies and moving. Account #0036 in the amount of \$882.55, Account #0226 in the

amount of \$882.55 and Account #0117 in the amount of \$882.55. A motion was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel to write off these amounts. Roll Call Vote: AYES....Bill Neumann, Paul Kemppainen, Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried. General Fund checks #38341 thru 38352, Water Fund checks #3310 and 3311, Waste Water Fund checks, #4120 and 4121. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Supervisor.....Our new lift station is finally up and running using the old control panel until the new one arrives. It is currently on back order.

Treasurer....We are currently at our lowest point of the year which is typical. The new taxes will go out the beginning of December. All accounts are balanced.

Clerk....the election is over and things went well. We had a donation given to the Fire/Rescue departments from Ely Memorial Church in Land O'Lakes. A thank you letter was sent out to them.

Fire Commissioner...No problems and all seems to be running smoothly.

Alan Piel...The Whitefish Trail project is now finished.

Fire Chief Jim Pittsley...Application were submitted to Enbridge for funding safe community initiatives.

Chief Pittsley requested \$1900 for gas detectors and Asst. Chief Runcie asked for \$15,000 for public safety equipment. The current Safe Community grant program provided one grant of up to \$1000 per organization per year. We will receive \$1000.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Alan Piel with support from Bill Neumann. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township