

Approved 3/29/2019
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 10:00AM
CONFERENCE ROOM
WATERSMEET COMMUNITY CENTER
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A special budget meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 10:00am.
Members Present: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield
Others present: Dan Kline

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

Special Business:

A. Items concerning cost centers of the 2019-20 budget were discussed and suggestions were made for changes to some items. There will be at least one more budget meeting before the final draft is completed. The new budget will be presented for approval at the March 27th meeting of the board.

B. Fee increases for zoning, land divisions and building permits:

Dan Kline presented a comparison that he has worked on using Marenisco, Iron River and Eagle River. The state is recommending that a comparison of fees be made each 5 years.

Land Division Fees:

The fee structure for some items has remained the same since 2004-05. He has suggested that zoning permits which are currently \$50 for the first 3 parcels and \$50 each thereafter, be increased to \$100 for the first 3 and \$50.00 per parcel up to 40 acres. For parcels over 40 acres fees would be \$300 for the 1st parcel and \$50.00 per parcel. Commercial zoning is currently \$50.00 and should be increased to \$200.00. It

Building Fee Schedule:

It is suggested that finished areas are currently at \$0.15/foot and should be increased to \$0.20/foot. Unfinished area changed from the current \$.05/foot to \$0.10/foot. All other fees are comparable. The last fee adjustment was made March 12, 2014.

A motion to accept the above changes was offered by Paul Kempainen with support from Alan Piel. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mike Rogers, Alan Piel, Bill Neumann, Paul Kempainen, Sandy Mansfield. The motion was passed.

Zoning Administrator Salary:

There has been no increase in the past 15 years. Currently the rate is:

1. \$35.00 per site visit plus mileage plus \$3600/year
2. \$50.00 per land division parcel plus mileage.

Proposed change:

1. All fees plus mileage paid to township
2. Straight salary of \$1000/month plus mileage

*Note: Dan Kline has worked for one year for \$35.00 per site visit plus mileage without the \$3600 year stipend.

A motion to increase the salary for the Zoning Administrator to the above wage was offered by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kemppainen. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Paul Kemppainen, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Mike Rogers, Sandy Mansfield.

Summer help wage increase:

There was discussion about hiring two summer part time help instead of one. There is a great deal of work that needs to be completed including the staining of the pavilion and fence. The current wage of \$10/hour was also discussed and there was a motion by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel to increase the summer help to 2 people and increase the wage to \$12.00/hour. Roll Call Vote: Ayes...Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kemppainen, Mike Rogers, Sandy Mansfield. Motion passed.

C. Union Contract

The union contract agreed to by the union employees and township was presented for approval of the contract period January 1, 2019 to expire December 31, 2022. A motion to accept the contract was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Paul Kemppainen. A Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes: Mike Rogers, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, Paul Kemppainen, Sandy Mansfield. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Bill Neumann with support from Alan Piel. Motion carried.
Next budget meeting scheduled for Monday, March 18th at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Mansfield, Clerk
Watersmeet Township