

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 21 2019
6:30PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
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The August 2019 meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Mike Rogers, Paul Kemppainen, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel. Absent, Sandy Mansfield

A motion was made by Bill Neumann with support by Alan Piel to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 17 with one correction. Motion carried.

Appearances: Peggy Tuttle appeared before to convey the information that was learned by the citizens that attended a meeting of the Gogebic County Road Commission regarding the status of the gravel pit located across from the Watersmeet Trout Hatchery on Old US 2 East. Because this is not a township decision, Supervisor Rogers suggested that all issues be brought to the DEQ and the Road Commission. Julie Mathiesen offered to forward information to Supervisor Rogers that would reference what could be of benefit to the township regarding township zoning to be forwarded to the township attorney.

Public Comments: Julie Mathiesen questioned why there was a no wake zone for the channels on the Cisco Chain when there is already one in place and not being enforced. More signs in addition to the existing ones were suggested. Julie is in agreement with this item as long as it will be enforced.

Ed Wuyteck asked if the school zone will be monitored during the school year to slow down the traffic. Supervisor Rogers assured him it would be and that the township is working to add an additional full time officer.

Yvonne Clark informed the board and the citizens of a new group starting up in our Township. It is called Art Uncorked and is showing great promise. She gave credit to Peggy Tuttle for brainstorming the idea and is thrilled in the promise of future growth. A meeting will be held on August 23rd. for anyone wishing to attend.

Captain Burke of the LVD Police voiced concerns and question regarding the status of the Watersmeet Police and direction of future co-operation between the local and tribal forces. Supervisor Rogers again stated that the township is looking to add another full time officer, which will provide a greater amount of coverage for the township. After much discussion, Yvonne Clark suggested a meeting with a mediator be agreed upon to work out any differences.

Pat Walsh asked if the current sewer work was being done by Coleman Engineering. Supervisor Rogers assured him it was.

Ed Wuyteck asked who to contact regarding the storm drain in the front of his residence. This would be the Gogebic County Road Commission.

Old Business: Bill Neumann motioned with support from Alan Piel that the Fire Department Burn Ordinance be submitted to the township attorney for approval. Motion carried.

New Business: Resolution 2019-07-02 to petition the DNR for No Wake Zones of the Cisco Chain was read into the minutes. A voice vote was taken and was passed unanimously.

Supervisor Rogers brought forward a proposal to extend the part time help to March 31, 2020. After some discussion a motion by Alan Piel with support from Paul Kemppainen to extend the time period was approved.

Resolution 2019-08-03 was read into the minutes regarding permission to make deposits into the Police Account. This would give two additional employees permission for deposits. After discussion, Bill made the motion with support from Alan to approve this resolution. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisor Rogers reported that the Ottawa Shopper and the Ironwood Daily Globe will be running the ad for the Clerk's office applications. These applications will need to be submitted by September 30th. He reported that the flushing and camera testing being done by Coleman Engineering found two breaks which they will repair. The cost for this was estimated at \$4,000.00.

Supervisor Rogers thanked Mr. Ed Wuyteck for the art work he painted on the garage by the food pantry. He did a great job!

Treasurer Report: All funds are where they should be this time of year and the township is doing well. He thanked Mr. Wuyteck for his art work as well.

Fire Department: Jim Pittsley reported the fire department is doing well and they have assisted at two car accidents.

Police Department: Captain Runcie reported for the month of July 2019: Hours worked, 233.25 – Combined, 208.5 F/T, 24.75 P.T – Traffic Citations issued: 27 – Non-Criminal Complaints: 9 – Felony complaints: 2 – Misdemeanor Arrests: 1 – Felony Arrests: 0 – Calls for Service: 20 – Court Hours: 0. Part-Time offices averaging 3 shifts/month. The new car is in service.

As there was no further business, Paul Kemppainen motioned with Bill Neumann seconding, to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Mansfield, Deputy Clerk
Watersmeet Township