

Approved October 21, 2020

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
September 29, 2020
Conference Room
10:00 AM
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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Mike Rogers, Paul Kempainen, Bill Neumann, Alan Piel, and Julie Mathiesen

Members Absent: None

Others in attendance: None

Appearances/Public Comments: None

Agenda Changes/Approval: Bill Neumann moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Alan Piel. Motion carried with all in favor.

Special Business to Consider: Payment of Hazard Duty Premium, Status of FRHPPP Grant – Clerk Mathiesen summarized the status of the grant monies under the First Responder Responders Hazard Pay Premium Program. The Township had submitted applications to receive FRHPPP funds via email dated August 13, 2020. The first round of grant awards were announced on September 18, 2020 and Watersmeet was not on the list. It appears the applications were never received by the Michigan Department of Treasury. The applications were re-submitted via fax on September 22nd and accept by the State. There is no date yet for the next round of grant awards, but they are to be awarded by November 14th.

Payment of the hazard pay premiums currently are to be made by September 30th. There is a bill proposing to extend the grant program and payment of the premiums to October 31st, but it has not yet been signed by Governor Whitmer. The question before the Board is whether to pay the premiums with the September 30th payroll, ahead of receiving grant funds. If the grant is not awarded to the Township, then the Township would be “out” those monies.

In discussing the grant with Jim Pittsley and Laurie Kopsi, it was suggested hazard pay premiums be awarded based on the number of calls law enforcement, fire department and first responder personnel participated in between April 1 and September 30, 2020. The premium pay would be \$100/call up to the \$1000 maximum allotted by the grant.

Bill Neumann made a motion to include the hazard pay premiums with the September 30, 2020 payroll, at the rate of \$100 per call up to the \$1000 maximum. Alan Piel seconded. Roll call vote: Mike Rogers – yes, Paul Kempainen – yes, Bill Neumann – yes, Alan Piel – yes, Julie Mathiesen – yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Bill Neumann to adjourn, seconded by Paul Kempainen. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mathiesen, Clerk