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WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY, 17, 2021
6:30PM
Community Center
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The virtual February 17, 2021 regular meeting of the Watersmeet Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Rogers at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Mike Rogers, Julie Mathiesen, Paul Kempainen, Alan Piel, and Peter Lievense.

Members Absent: None

Virtual Attendees: Dan Hance, Dino Giannola, Yvonne and Greg Clark.

Supervisor Rogers stated that the minutes of the January 20, 2021 regular township board meeting would be presented at a later date.

Appearances: None

Public Comments: None

Agenda Changes/Approval: Alan Piel motioned, with support from Peter Lievense, to approve the agenda to include the additions presented. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approval of BOR dates for March 8th @9am to 3pm and March 9th, from 3pm to 9pm. - Paul Kempainen motioned, with support from Alan Piel to approve these dates and times for the up-coming March BOR. With no objection, motion was approved.
2. Clerk Julie Mathiesen drafted a Return to Work Release form and brought it to the board for approval. A motion by Peter Lievense, with a second by Alan Piel to accept the form as presented. Motion was approved.
3. The monthly stipend for Zoe Coleman was discussed and increased to \$300.00 per month. She has put a lot of time and effort on behalf of the township regarding the equipment purchase and installation of the equipment needed for the virtual meetings that are the new normal. Her efforts are greatly appreciated by the Township Board as they are much above and beyond assisting with the virtual portion of the board meetings. A motion to approve was made by Alan Piel, with a second by Paul Kempainen. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. Peter Lievense presented a letter of resignation as Trustee for the Township Board. He expressed his thanks and regrets for not being able to complete his term. The reason for the resignation was a move to another township. Supervisor Rogers thanked him for his service

to the Township and stated that Peter would be missed. With no further discussion, Paul made a motion to accept the resignation effective February 28, 2021. The motion was supported by Alan Piel. Motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Bills:

Paul Kempainen made a motion to approve the bills as presented, with a second by Alan Piel. Motion carried. Approval of General Fund Check Nos. 40423 – 40445, Waste Water Fund Check Nos. 4286 – 4289, and Water Fun Check Nos. 3468 – 3472.

Reports:

Supervisor Rogers informed the board there has been numerous expressions of interest regarding the upcoming opening Trustee position. To date, Dan Hance, Russ Diethert, Yvonne Clark, Nick Christ, Kirsten Boehm and Bill Neumann have indicated interest in the opening.

A request has been made by Chief Ryan Leuzzo that he be given a yearly evaluation of his performance as police chief. He will provide the township with the form needed.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Kempainen informed all that the last day to pay property taxes without penalty would be February 16th. There would be another two weeks for the township to collect including penalty before they are sent to the County Clerk in Bessemer.

Clerk:

Clerk Mathiesen stated that she would be in touch with Computer Doctors regarding increasing security for the township office computers while others are using the wifi. There also needs to be better protection to ensure EMail are being received correctly. There was also some discussion regarding the County and Township portions of future road work. This will be further explored at a later special meeting. The auditor is schedule for a site visit either next Thursday, the 25th or Friday the 26th.

Other:

Alan Piel presented the Forest Service informational mailing regarding future logging projects.

Chief Leuzzo presented his monthly report. He indicated we need to have a meeting with the LVD Tribe to discuss the status of the deputization agreement. The meeting was per the agreement; in general things are working very well between the two departments.

Dan Kline gave an informational report on how the fees for building permits are set. He provided copies of the current fee structure to the Board. He assured the Board that the Township fees are in the same range as the surrounding townships.

At 6.55 pm. Paul Kempainen motioned, with Peter Lievense second, to adjourn. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Mansfield, Deputy Clerk

