

Watab Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 2, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7pm by Chair Craig Gondeck. Board members present were Supervisors Craig Gondeck, Lloyd Erdmann, and Ed Kacures, Jr; Treasurer Eileen Saldana, and Clerk Pat Spence. Audience members present were: Bob Erickson, Jon Bogart, Paul Schwinghammer, Paul Jacobs, Brian Erdmann, Jason Chapman, Douglas Boser, Earl Harden, Perna Roers, Hazel Durkin and Pat Rolph.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, the Chair thanked everyone in the audience for their attendance. Additions to the agenda were made: John Bogart—Update on 5th Avenue and Craig Gondeck: Brockway Township Update on Incorporation as a City. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck and seconded by Supervisor Erdmann to approve the amended agenda. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck and seconded by Supervisor Kacures to approve the minutes as printed by the Clerk. Motion passed. Eileen Saldana gave the Treasurer's Report and it was approved on a motion by Supervisor Gondeck and second by Supervisor Erdmann.

Citizen's Issues:

- Paul Jacobs reported that the burned out house debris next door to him has not been removed. Chair Gondeck said that the house is still registered to Cory Miller, and they cannot find him. There are two mortgages on the house; the board will follow the process outlined by our legal counsel. The fire is still under investigation. During the discussion, the attorney's office hand-delivered the letters and resolution to move the process forward. The board unanimously passed Resolution 2008-7 on a motion by Supervisor Gondeck and second by Supervisor Erdmann. Supervisor Kacures asked about the legal costs; they will be passed onto the property owner.
- Eileen Saldana filed a complaint about the property on the corner of Hwy 10 and 95th St. She said there are three horses on the property and junk everywhere. The Chair will send a complaint form to the county.
- Perna Roers, 8555 Ivy Place complained that a lawn in her neighborhood hasn't been mowed in the back. Chair Gondeck and Bob Erickson have been to the property. She also complained about the acoustics in the building. The board has ordered acoustic panels, and they should be installed by the October meeting.

Review and approval of the bills: Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck and seconded by Supervisor Kacures to pay all the bills as presented and to withdraw funds from the appropriate accounts. The motion passed.

Chair Gondeck announced that Township Clean Up Day is scheduled for September 13th from 8am to 2pm at Rockwood Estates. Everyone in the township is invited to participate. This is paid for through funds from our cable franchise agreement with Benton Cooperative Telephone Company and a Benton County SCORE Grant.

Tree trimming: There are several low hanging branches on some of our roads. Jason Chapman would do the whole township in two to three days for \$65 per day. Supervisor Gondeck made a motion to hire him; it was seconded by Supervisor Erdmann for a maximum total of \$1,500.00. Supervisor Kacures said that we should put it out for quotes as we do other things. Chair Gondeck said that he had a quote from

Carr for \$140/hour. Because of the timing of school buses being on the road, the motion passed with Gondeck and Erdmann in favor and Supervisor Kacures opposed.

Ordinance #4: An Ordinance Regulating Town Road Rights –of - Way was reviewed and scheduled for a public hearing at the October meeting. The hearing will begin at 7pm. All interested citizens are invited to testify for or against the proposed ordinance.

The Ivy Place complaint has been followed up on by Supervisor Gondeck. He checked with the building official and the county Department of Development. The building has a 60-foot set back from the property line. He was given permission to live in the upstairs of the garage temporarily. A woman in the audience spoke about him blocking the road so that cars in the neighborhood can't get through to the cul de sac. Brian Erdmann said that there can't be stipulations on the land use permit unless it went through the conditional use permit process. A person will be invited from the Department of Development at the next meeting to explain this. Bob Erickson asked if there shouldn't be a time frame on a temporary permit. The town board doesn't know how the county handled it. We need to review the land use permit and building permit.

Township Map Update: Supervisor Erdmann found another mistake on the map, so it will be brought to the next meeting for approval. Supervisor Kacures suggested a blow up section of the fire district boundaries.

New Business:

1. Crack Filling: Bob Erickson submitted a letter with his opinions. It is placed on file. Jon Bogart said that he agrees with much of Bob's letter. He recommended that we have Bob on the site directing the project. Two bids were presented: AsTech at \$1.52 per lb. and Ted Layton at \$2.60 per lb. Jon Bogart reviewed the bid forms. All the required paperwork is in place. A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck and seconded by Supervisor Erdmann to hire AsTech. Motion passed.
2. Clerk Spence asked the board to appoint the following Election Judges for the Primary Election: Donna Poganski-Head Judge; Lucy Palmer-Assistant Head Judge, Paul Schwinghammer, Jan Solarz, Eileen Saldana, Sandy Reberg, Clara Knettel and Libby Levinski. A motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann and seconded by Supervisor Gondeck to appoint the above as judges for the Primary Election, which is Tuesday, September 9, 2008 with polls open at 7:00 a.m.
3. Sanbur Trail proposal: Geno Beniek proposes having the township partner with the residents to fill the north ditch so that it can be mowed. 4-wheelers have caused ruts. Bob recommends roto-tilling and seeding it and putting up a sign "no 4-wheelers". The soil is sandy. Supervisor Erdmann said that if the township beautifies this ditch others in the township may want theirs done. He wants to review it before a decision is made. The homeowners on Sanbur Trail have agreed to pay part of the improvement—about \$200. It should be seeded before a freeze up. Supervisor Erdmann asked if others are interested in submitting a quote. Jason Chapman and Brian Erdmann are both interested. Supervisor Erdmann talked about having a 50% involvement on the part of the township. Doug Boser and Paul Jacobs felt that this was not a township issue because we mow 8 feet of right of way. The homeowners have permission to plant grass in the ditch.
4. Clerk Spence summarized the letter from Brockway Township officials asking if we object to them moving toward incorporation as a city. Supervisor Erdmann made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck to approve the Resolution 2008-6 supporting their incorporation. Chair Gondeck said that he attended one of their recent meetings. They have prepared a

Comprehensive Plan. He would like to invite their consultant to one of our meetings to describe their process. They have worked on it for four years. Supervisor Gondeck will invite their consultant for a September 16th meeting at 7pm. Residents suggested fundraisers to help offset the cost. Brockway Township has an acoustical lowered ceiling in their hall; there are no problems with hearing anything. It is a very basic building.

5. District 8 Meeting on September 23rd, and anyone who wants to attend should call Pat Spence to arrange a carpool and to register.
6. Road Vacation on 85th Street: historical paperwork was located.
7. Historical Society: Supervisor Gondeck asked that copies of township records that are stored at the Historical Society should be made and also kept at the town all. The board agreed.
8. The Clerk went through the monthly correspondence.
9. Jon Bogart outlined his proposal for providing engineering services for the preparation of a feasibility study, design of and construction services for the construction of 5th St. NW. Jon recommends that we proceed with the wetland delineation, soil borings, and surveying. This will give us an idea of how much the project will cost. Bob Erickson concurred. Supervisor Erdmann felt we should move ahead sooner than four years. Supervisor Erdmann made a motion to hire Bogart Pederson to proceed with the feasibility study. Supervisor Gondeck seconded the motion. Supervisor Kacures is in total agreement because he wants to get the process going. We should strive to get the road on the right of way. Brian Erdmann asked for clarification on the costs. Motion passed.
10. Supervisor Issues: Ed Kacures asked if there was a decision on turn arounds on Oak Hill and by Wolfe's. Jason doesn't feel the turnaround needs to be changed at Wolfe's. There is an upcoming Fire Board meeting. The brush is high on the corner of Plaziak Road and River Road; STS crew will be asked to brush it. He asked if our township should have a mining ordinance. Chair Gondeck said that he will get a copy of Granite Ledge's ordinance. He asked who will contact Geno Beniek about the decision on Sanbur Trail. Chair Gondeck will contact him. He informed the board that he will possibly be gone the first Tuesday of October.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence