

**WATAB TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
LAKE ANDREW ROADS/WAYTASHEK ROW
Monday, May 3, 2021 – 8:00 am**

The Special Meeting for Watab Township was called to order by Chairperson Johnson at 8:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Board supervisors present in the Town Hall: Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, Bill Little. Also attending in the Town Hall was Clerk, Kathy Sauer, Kevin Weeks, Todd Watayshek, Keith Karsten, Jason Miller, Jeff & Lynn Samler

Attending via Zoom: Vickie Waytashek, Natasha Barber, Mike Wilcox, Julie's iPad

LAKE ANDREW

Kevin Weeks is representing the residents of Lake Andrew with the Township in an effort to rectify the deteriorating roads in the development. Mr. Weeks stated there is support to explore options and follow through with what is necessary to complete and repair the construction of the roads in Lake Andrew. The Township cannot accept the responsibility of maintaining the roads in the development unless they meet Township standards. To date, the developer, Scott Jarnot, is unwilling to complete the road project to meet those standards.

After consulting with the Township attorney, Supervisor Johnson sent a proposal to the developer, Scott Jarnot, who rejected the proposal. The residents of the development have been given the option for the Township to take on the reconstruction of their roads by accepting an assessment for each property owner (based on 61 lots). Upon successful completion of the project, the Township would accept the roads and maintain them going forward.

The Township Board is considering conducting a feasibility study to determine the type of work and the cost of the project. Kevin Kruger, WSB Engineer, said there are a lot of "unknowns." The base would need to be inspected by televising below the surface; there would be soil borings, inspection of the storm sewer, and an extensive design. At this point, he suggested a short feasibility study with an estimated cost of \$5,000–\$7,000, if residents are on board. The Township will front the cost of the feasibility study; if the project is approved, the cost will be rolled into the assessments. If the project is not approved, the Township will absorb the cost.

A **preliminary** estimate of the project would be \$600,000 to \$750,000, depending on the results of the study. The Township would enact the assessment process following Minnesota State Statute 429. Terms of assessment can be discussed. Residents would be required to sign a waiver agreeing not to sue the Township in the event their property value did not increase commensurately with the amount they are assessed. The Township is not obligated to go ahead with the feasibility study or the project if there is not a strong majority of residents agreeing to the terms.

A tentative timeline for completion of the preliminary work and feasibility study would be this fall with construction beginning next year.

Supervisor Wollak moved to approve the feasibility study with 80% of resident participation; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

WAYTASHEK ROW (5TH Avenue NE)

After receiving two letters from the Township regarding a right-of-way violation, Todd Waytashek is disputing that 5th Avenue NW is a Township road. He claims that the state did not turn over the road to the Township since 2007 when the overpass was constructed.

Supervisor Little moved to approve the survey for 5th Avenue NW; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

Date