

**WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular monthly Watab Township Supervisor’s Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 7:00 pm in the Watab Township Hall. Those present offered allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Board supervisors present: Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, and Bill Little. Others present in the Town Hall included, Treasurer, Deborah O’Keefe, Clerk, Kathy Sauer, Jerry Kostreba, Todd Waytashek, Kris Dierkes, Paul Wippler, Drew Elness, Bob Raveling, Julie and Jeff Fandel, Jack and Renee Polcher, Ellary Prentice, Todd Hagen

Attending via Zoom: Kevin Weeks

**1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

- a. Dierkes Rezone
- b. Smith Variance

**2. APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Supervisor Little moved to approve the agenda; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**—One motion for all items

- a. July 13, 2021: Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. June 22, 2021: Planning Commission Public Hearing: Baldwin Acres

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**4. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Falcon Checking	\$609,043.05
Bremer Money Market	<u>222,694.62</u>
	\$831,734.67

Falcon Money Market	<u>\$256,391.62</u>
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TOTAL	<u>\$1,088,126.29</u>
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Falcon Building Savings Account	\$5,005.59
Falcon Money Market Interest	87.07
Falcon Checking Interest	110.26
Bremer Interest	1.34
Falcon Savings Account (Building)	1.70
BCA Fines	\$243.29

ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cornerstone Storage	20,613.01
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Treasurer O’Keefe reported that \$171,159.03 was received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Supervisor Little moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer O’Keefe asked for permission to purchase receipt books in an amount that may exceed \$500; Supervisor Wollak moved to approve the purchase; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**5. APPROVE LIST OF BILLS, CLAIMS, AND PAYROLL**

Supervisor Wollak moved to accept bills, claims, and payroll; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**6. BOND REPORT (Todd Hagen) PRE-SALE REPORT FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS**

Mr. Hagen presented a 15-year projection for the General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds. The bond for Lake Andrew reconstruction can be decided next spring when bids have been awarded.

Mr. Hagen prepared and presented Resolution 2021-17: Adopting Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy for Tax-exempt and Tax-advantaged Governmental Bonds.

- Will need to be re-rated by S&P; audit is not necessary because our bond rating is high. Because bond will be paid by tax revenue, interest rates are low.
- Ehlers can provide investment assistance if necessary and will provide a financial advisor to manage funds.
- Bond attorney is Taft.
- Mr. Hagen will report the sale of bonds at the September 14 Board Meeting when bids are in; funds will be available on September 30.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to secure the services of Ehlers for investment purposes of the bond; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the debt procedure and post compliance policy; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Little made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-17: Adopting Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy to Rax-exempt and Tax-advantaged Governmental Bonds; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-18: Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$3,395,000 General Obligation Street Reconstruction Plan Bonds, Series 2021A; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**7. WSB ENGINEER REPORT (Kevin Kruger)**

**a. 105<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Quiet Crossing**

Still waiting for BNSF to alter crossing; should be later this month; project is estimated to be completed 2 weeks after BNSF is finished with their work.

**b. Sucker Creek Bridge and Road**

Kevin Kruger has a meeting with Chris Byrd on Friday to discuss project.

**c. Lake Andrew Update: televising; snowplowing**

Televising has been approved for the storm sewer; Scott Jarnot has been contacted in regard to obtaining civil drawings for the water and sewer system; he did not respond, however Kevin Kruger as able to obtain them.

Mike Couri, Township Attorney, has advised the Township not to plow roads this winter as they are still private property. Supervisor Johnson has attempted to contact Scott Jarnot to let him know he is responsible to plow the roads, but he did not respond.

**8. ROAD PLAN: 3-YEAR PROJECTED TIMELINE**

- a. 2022: Lake Andrew, Sucker Creek Road, Sharon Place, Indian Road
- b. 2023: West Lake Road, West Lake Court, Sues Road,
- c. 2024: Lakewood Shores, Shoestring, Sandbur, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW

Burton Place and Plaziak Road will be considered in the future depending on cost/inflation.

**9. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT: Various Requests**

- Keith and Kristina Dierkes: requesting to rezone 2.78 acres from R-1 single family resident to district to agricultural district. Neighbors have been consulted and have no objections.

Supervisor Wollak moved to approve the request to rezone the property as agricultural: Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

- Scott and Julie Smith: requesting a permit to allow persons living in a manufactured home on their property zoned commercial.

The Board is not willing to approve the request. Supervisor Johnson will contact Roxanne Achmann to report the decision.

**10. ROAD REPORT**

**a. 95<sup>th</sup> Street NW—4-wheeler damage**

Quote was obtained from Hanson Paving to repair the corner of 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Highway 10 on the north side for \$950.00. Supervisor Wollak recommended repairing both sides of the road. Supervisor Little made a motion to approve repairs on 95<sup>th</sup> for \$950.00; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**b. Street Sweeping**

Complaints have been received regarding street sweeping on Indian Road; Supervisor Johnson will contact Wollak Construction.

**c. Drain Issue: Juno and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South**

Drain is heaving; Supervisor Wollak obtained a quote from Dierkes Concrete for \$2,400.00. Kevin Kruger will provide specs to Supervisor Wollak who will obtain a new quote. Supervisor Little moved to approve the quote from Dierkes Concrete for \$2,400.00 to repair the drain on Juno and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**e. 115<sup>th</sup> Street**

Supervisor Wollak reported that there has been a semi parked on 115<sup>th</sup> Street for an extended period of time. The license plate was covered and when he checked he found outdated plates. He then contacted the Benton County Sheriff; they will handle. Supervisor Wollak suggested a No Parking sign for 115<sup>th</sup> Street; all agreed.

**11. CORNERSTONE STORAGE ESCROW REQUEST AND UPDATE**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to release the escrow after all conditions set forth have been met, permit has been submitted, and all expenses have been reported. Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**12. CLEAN-UP DAY UPDATE**

Clean-up Day will be held September 25, 2021, from 6:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Pine Edge parking lot. Supervisor Little received one quote from Republic in the amount of \$11,642.45. Other companies he contacted were not interested in bidding. He will be looking for volunteers from the Little Rock Lake Association who have helped in the past.

**13. 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NW TITLE SEARCH**

The Township attorney, Mike Couri, reviewed the title search and determined that 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW is a platted road which is owned by Watab Township.

Four letters have been sent to Todd Waytashek over the past year asking him to remove logs and other materials from the right-of-way; to date, he has not complied. Mr. Waytashek asked the Board to abandon the road; supervisors unanimously agreed not to abandon the road.

Mr. Waytashek will have 30 days to clear the right-of-way or the Township will clear it at his expense.

**14. ALARM DISCUSSION/FIBER**

Clerk Sauer presented three quotes for an updated security system for the Town Hall from Central Security (\$856.00), Secure America (\$925.00), and Schwegel Communications (\$1,147.50).

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the quote from Secure America; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson reported on estimates from Benton Communication for fiber optic throughout the township. A special meeting will be scheduled to meet with Chad from Benton Communications to discuss plans/options.

**15. BALDWIN ACRES: REQUEST TO VACATE EASEMENT**

Tabled

**16. CITIZEN'S UPDATE--Time limit 3 minutes**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer  
Township Clerk

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Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

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Date

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Kathy Sauer, Clerk

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