

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 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, Todd Hagen, Kevin Kruger, Brian Erdmann, Todd Waytashek, Jerry Kostreba, Julie and Jeff Fandel, Renee Polcher, Ellary Prentice, Paul Wippler

Attending via Zoom: Kevin Weeks

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Add Peace Rock Road to agenda: Item 8

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA—One motion for all items

- a. August 10, 2021: Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. August 19: Special Meeting: Broadband Discussion w/Benton Communications

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

4. TREASURER’S REPORT (8-31-2021)

Falcon Checking	\$587,145.41
Bremer Money Market	<u>223,058.69</u>
	\$810,204.10

Falcon Money Market	<u>\$256,478.72</u>
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TOTAL	<u>\$1,066,682.82</u>
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Falcon Building Savings Account	\$5,007.29
Falcon Checking Interest	98.20
Falcon Money Market Interest	87.07
Bremer Interest	3.78
Falcon Savings Account (Building)	1.70
BCA Fines	363.29

ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cornerstone Storage	20,616.05
Disbursed	<u>684.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>19,932.05</u>

Treasurer O’Keefe reported that \$890.23 was received from Natural Resources in lieu of taxes.

Supervisor Wollak moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report; 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 SALE—EHLER’S (Todd Hagen)

Todd Hagen reported on sale of bonds earlier today. S&P rating call was held with a rating of A+; down because of upcoming bond issue. Debt score went down slightly but finances for the Township are stable.

- Received one bid from Northland Securities which was a very good bid.
- Bid came with premium of \$90,000.00. There is an option to keep the funds or return it for a reduction of the bond. Board elected to keep money to invest in roads.
- Closing for the sale will be September 30.

7. RESOLUTION 2021-19: Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$3,395,000 General Obligation Street Reconstruction Plan Bonds, Series 2021-A and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof.

Supervisor Wollak made motion to approve Resolution 2021-19; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

8. WSB ENGINEER REPORT (Kevin Kruger)

a. 105th Street NW and Quiet Crossing

To be paved this Friday; wear course next Friday; striping to follow when paint is available

b. Sucker Creek Bridge and Road; Benton County Update

County will be opening bids for the bridge replacement later this month; hoping for January installation but could be held up until March. Since we are no longer partnering with the County on this project, adding Sharon Place and Indian to the road project will be considered—multiple projects should attract better bids. Detour route will be the minimum maintenance road. A small easement must be acquired before work begins; Supervisor Johnson will meet with affected parties.

c. Lake Andrew Update

Soil borings indicate there is nothing in the soil that indicates concern regarding additional settlement.

d. Road Plan—5 year

Kevin Kruger distributed new road plan:

2022 Sucker Creek Road, Sharon Place, Indian Road

2023 West Lake Road and Sues Road

2024 Shoestring Loop, Sandbur Trail, 15th Avenue, and Lakewood Shores Road

2025 Burton, Ivy

2026 Ferry Point

e. Chip Sealing Schedule

Pirates Cove; Oak Hill

f. MS4 Timeline

i. Open Comment Period

Approved by MPCA—will be on website. Thirty-day comment period for residents.

ii. Ordinance Update Schedule

Upon the end of the 30-day period, ordinance will be brought up-to-date

g. Peace Rock Road

Resident reported large potholes. Supervisor Wollak inspected the road and reported that it is overall in terrible shape. Supervisor Johnson will check with Jeff Hanson to determine what can be done.

9. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT: Various Requests

Nothing to report

10. ROAD REPORT

a. 15th Avenue NW Road Closed Gates

Supervisor Wollak found two used gates for \$50 each and installed them.

b. Winter Tree Trimming

Will check out and bring a list to next month's meeting.

c. Other

Supervisor Wollak removed brush from signs on Plaziak Road.

11. CLEAN-UP DAY UPDATE

To be held September 25; information is on website and have been distributed to the community via email.

12. BALDWIN EASEMENT VACATION

The Baldwins are requesting a drainage/utility easement between lots 2 and 3 in Shorewood Acres.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the vacation of the drainage/utility easement between lots 2 and 3 in Shorewood Acres; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried

13. OAK HILL LIQUOR LICENSE

Jim Dahl reported that the garbage on his property at the golf course is not his. Neighbors who have adjoining property to the golf course been notified by the Township to remove the garbage and debris no later than September 27.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the liquor license application for Oak Hill Golf Course; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

14. OTHER

- **5th Avenue NW** has been officially declared a Township Road by MnDot. Mr. Watayshek has made progress milling and removing logs. Supervisors agreed to extend the deadline for total removal of the logs from the right of way 30 days from the date of this meeting (October 14).

15. CITIZEN'S UPDATE--Time limit 3 minutes

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

Date