

Watab Township Special Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2013

A special meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 by Chair Ed Kacures Jr. The purpose of the meeting was the award of bonds to refund the 2006 Capital Improvement Bonds, originally issued for \$220,000 for the building of the town hall and the 2009 General Obligation Infrastructure Management Fund Bond for the construction of Fifth Avenue, River View Loop and Roseanna Beach Road in the original approved amount of \$900,000. All board members were present.

The township's financial advisor, Todd Hagen of Ehlers, Inc. was welcomed by the Chair. Todd announced that the township received an A rating from Standard and Poor and that helped get more bond proposals. We scored good on financial management, transparency, and reporting to the board. A higher rating would be possible with annual audits by an outside agency and recorded financial policies, which typically are only used in larger cities. Todd presented a certificate showing the bond rating and congratulated the board. He also informed that board that Standard and Poor will perform some surveillance on township finances after five years. It is most likely to be in the form of a questionnaire. He noted that it is important to maintain about 100 % of General Fund operating expenditures as a fund balance; currently Watab is at 125%. Our current levy amounts will allow this to continue.

Todd then presented the Bond Sale Report for \$800,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A. There were five bids with the low bidder being United Bankers' Bank, Bloomington, MN. The bids ranged from 2.0894%, which includes their fee to a high of 2.7294%. The average interest of the low bidder was 1.9125805%. The next bidder was Bremer Bank of St. Cloud at 2.11%, Northland Securities of Minneapolis was at 2.2504%, Dougherty & Company LLC at 2.4105%, and Bosc, Inc from Milwaukee was at 2.7294%. The interest spread among these bids is \$34,509. The closing date on the bonds is April 11, 2013. The interest is at 1.9%. The township will save \$105,642 in interest with the issuance of this bond. The township will be saving \$85,491 interest on the Falcon Bank loan and \$20,200 on the town hall Capital Improvement Bonds.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Erdmann, to award the bonds to the low bidder through Resolution 2013-3. All voted in favor and the bonds were awarded at 7:40 p.m. All voted in favor.

The Treasurer and Clerk presented claims for the annual election expenses. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Erdmann to pay claims 5110 through 5117 totaling \$513.24 and withdraw funds from the General Fund; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence, Clerk

