

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular monthly meeting
July 2, 2019

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

A regular monthly Watab Township supervisors' meeting was called to order by Chairman Julie Johnson at 7:00 p.m. in the Watab Township Hall.

Those present offered allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Board supervisors present were Julie Johnson, Todd Waytashek, and Steve Wollak. Others present included Clerk Nicole Burski, Treasurer Deborah O'Keefe, Natasha Barber from the Sauk Rapids Herald, Mike Barringer, Phillip Nelson, Kristina and Dennis Duscher, Jack Polcher, Jeff Fandel, Jeff Wollak, Robin Wollak, Roger Varslek, Sandra Saldana, Brian Erdmann, John Olson, Alan Saldana, Buzz and Mary Beth Cripe, David Watts, Julie Fandel, Paul Wippler, Mike Burton, Terry O'Keefe, Jessica Storkamp, David Johnson, Lloyd Erdman, Ray Thompson.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Approve the Agenda, Motion made by Supervisor Todd Waytashek to approve agenda, second by Supervisor Steve Wollak. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – One motion for all items. Supervisor Steve Wollak made motion to approve agenda and meetings with corrections. Supervisor Todd Waytashek second, motion carried.

June 4th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2019 Road Construction Meeting Minutes

June 13th, 2019 Road Construction Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019 Road Construction Meeting Minutes

June 27th, 2019 Road Construction Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report- Falcon checking \$23,978.44. The 1st half of the property taxes should be coming between 8/5-8/7. Bremer Market \$34,703.94 total of \$58,682.38 Falcon Money Market \$302,214.84 Total all accounts \$360,897.22. We are short \$397 in permits because the check was made to All Spec and not Watab Town Hall. \$139.99 for court fees. \$562 is owed from a

bankruptcy for past fire bill payments. Fire appeal and bill was received the person only requested an ambulance both 1st responders and ambulance came. The bill was paid but wanted to note that they only requested an ambulance. Supervisor Julie Johnson to contact Sherriff Heck to address that with dispatch. Supervisor Todd Waytashek made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Supervisor Steve Wollak 2nd, motion carried.

Approve list of Bills & Claims & Payroll. Motion made by Supervisor Steve Wollak, second by Supervisor Todd Waytashek excluding web design to approve bills and claims, motion carries.

Citizen's Issues – Time limit 3 minutes. If residents have a lengthy input, they are asked to contact the supervisors a head of time to allow for research if needed.

Jerry Kostreba fire district questions- why is so much money being spent on Fire district 1 vs Fire district 2? Supervisor Julie Johnson explained that partially because of the contracts. Fire district 1 has fire and medical. Special fire protection was what residents paid and fire administration costs were for part of the contract. There are three separate billings that the fire department bills the township on top of the contract.

2019 Road Construction 85th Street NW & Frost Road – Nick Anderson

Frost road is ready for seeding and clean up. Paving will be done on both at the same time and will be scheduled next week. 85th was graded.

105th Street NW, 2020 Construction- a motion was made by Supervisor Todd Waytashek to approve preliminary engineering and surveying, second by Supervisor Steve Wollak, motion carried.

Quiet Zone Update- BNSF

Road stripping quote- Traffic Marking Service \$0.30/LF \$1373.70 per Nick Anderson priced seemed a little high. Nick talked to Chris Bird from Benton County and he said they would add stripping needs to their contract in the future which would be next year, giving a cost savings of \$500-700. Township to wait until next year.

Seal coats, Burton Pl and Burton Court- Estimated at \$15,000 quote was for \$19,000. Decision was made to delay this project and Supervisor Todd Waytashek was going to get a list of other roads that may need seal coats to drive the price down.

Pothole Repair Update- Supervisor Todd Waytashek will get a list of everything that has been done. Extra cubic yard that was approved did not get completed.

Benton County CUP (conditional use permits)/Variance Requests -3

Boser Construction Incorporated (BCI) CUP-adding addition straight south to their building 2000 sf. Concerns, Delroy Rothstein, neighbor to BCI- Benton County Planning and Zoning asking for opinion only. They asked for conditional use permit to put in a contractor shop for 6-20

employees that was approved for 6 onsite employees. A second variance was received to add on and move 50ft closer to the road than the required setback. More restrictions were put on regarding hours of operation. Currently have approximately 50 employees with weekly meetings and monthly safety meetings that brings all employees onsite. Wants business to move to an industrial zone. He would like Watab to say no to this. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated it is zoned Ag and not zoned for commercial. This brings up concerns of traffic on a 9-ton road. All supervisors will attend the hearing on July 11 at 7pm to obtain more information.

McKeever, Shoreland Alteration Permit- rebuilding river frontage, no concerns.

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Sharon Place NW – Right of Way Update, committee was formed. Boundary Commission started, 3 members Planning Commission, 1 member from Board of Adjustment and a county surveyor.

Little Rock Lake association- 2 opportunities to volunteer on the lake draw down. Waiting for the final approval, the historical preservation review was done. They are looking for people to plant plants on the lake shore on August 3, 4, 10, 11 meeting at Benton Beach County Park at 9 am.

Tending for our cause at Beaver Island Brew Pub tap room on July 31st to raise money for the draw down.

Crack filling is running out and more product is needed for this year. The cost is \$1500 for another pallet. Supervisor Julie Johnson made a motion to buy another pallet of crack fill, Supervisor Todd Waytashek second, motion carried.

Sprinklers- When the sprinklers are shut off, they are still leaking. Supervisor Steve Wollak will call around for pricing to fix them. The north side faucet does not shut off. A valve was put on it, but it needs to be replaced.

Frost Road speed limit- The speed limit will be set at 35 mph.

Reports:

Township Website – Supervisor Julie Johnson- Working with Web wizard 3 for the design of the new Watab Township website. The board will meet with Brian from Web wizard 3 next Tuesday, August 9th at 10 am to discuss input for the website.

Road Inspector Report – Supervisor Todd Waytashek- Overall everything looks good; he has been busy with the ms4 inspections. He stated that some of the yards that are being worked on in Lake Andrew are washing down into the street.

Building Maintenance Report – Supervisor Steve Wollak- Talked with the security guy and he is having issues with employees being short staffed. He will get quotes for the sprinkler leak.

Treasurer would like to have an approval for the state surge of \$821.76 to be paid on 7/15/19. This will be approved on next Tuesday's special meeting.

Citizens Input – Time limit 3 minutes

Steve Peka- when will potholes be finished? Supervisor Todd Waytashek is working with MN Blacktopping to finish in July. Supervisor Steve Wollak is working with sentence to serve to do the crack filling in July/August.

Sandy Saldana- Vice Chair of Benton Economic Partnership announced they have a quarterly meeting Thursday, July 25th at 7:30 am at the Sauk Rapid Rice High School. She is encouraging the board to attend and that Watab is members of and there has not been any representation for some time.

Lisa Terres, Sharon Place- When boundary committee will be formed and when it will take action? She is having issues with neighbors on what she believes is her property line. States that Watab road takes up 3500 sq/ft of her property and is wanting to know who will be paying for her taxes. States she is not going to pay her taxes until this is resolved. She is planning on a lawsuit. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated a committee has been formed. Watab has no authority to move property lines or tell her neighbors what they can and cannot do until this gets resolved. It will take time and patience for this to happen. Supervisor Julie Johnson asked to have her email pictures to Supervisor Todd Waytashek.

Jerry Kostreba- What is going on with county road 55? Supervisor Julie Johnson stated that Chris Bird has started a committee but has not seen or heard anything. She thought maybe it was on hold.

Work List for June

Supervisor Julie Johnson- Benton Economic Partnership, July 25th, Board of Adjustment training, Road construction meeting

Supervisor Steve Wollak- Benton Economic Partnership, July 25th, Board of Adjustment training, Road construction meeting, brush cutting

Supervisor Todd Waytashek- Benton Economic Partnership, July 25th, Water education training (not charging)

A motion was made at 8:10 pm to adjourn the meeting by Supervisor Steve Wollak, second by Supervisor Todd Waytashek, motion carried.

Adjournment