

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular monthly meeting
Tuesday, August 6th, 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, Steve Peka, Sandra Saldana, Jerry Kostreba, Julie Fandel, Jeff Fandel, Lloyd Erdmann, Sue Monnier, Ed Popp, Bob R., David Johnson, B. Murphy, Del Rothstein, Paul Wippler, Jessica Storkamp

Additions or Changes to Agenda

Approve the Agenda- Supervisor Todd Waytashek made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, Supervisor Steve Wollak 2nd. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Supervisor Steve Wollak to approve the consent agenda, Supervisor Todd Waytashek 2nd. Motion carried.

- a. July 2nd Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. July 9th Special Meeting – claims and website input

Treasurer's Report- Payment from collection agency for \$284.70 from an unpaid bill. Court fine share payment percentage of \$166.25, 1st payment of town aid for \$282.50, there will be another one in December for the same amount. Falcon checking \$366,003.34, Bremer Market \$35,155.16 Total of \$401,158.50. Road and Bridge- Falcon Money Market \$302,317.51 Total all accounts \$703,476.01. Supervisor Steve Wollak made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Supervisor Todd Waytashek 2nd, motion carried.

Approve list of Bills & Claims & Payroll- Supervisor Todd Waytashek stated the bill from City of Sauk Rapids grass fire Hwy 10 county road 33 dated 5/5/19 was all in the median and it should be billed to the State of Minnesota. Supervisor Todd Waytashek will contact Sauk Rapids fire dept and inform them. City of Rice does not provide enough information to bill citizen no name bill dated 6/27/19. Supervisor Julie Johnson to talk to the City of Rice. Foley

Hardware, propane cost for crack filling machine. Supervisor Todd Waytashek wanting to know if it was paid in the past, and it was. Supervisor Steve Wollak motion to approve bills & claims with removal of the 2 fire bills, Supervisor Todd Waytashek 2nd. Motions carried.

Citizen's Issues – Time limit 3 minutes.

Leroy Murphy- issues with Saldana road, rocks on the road, potholes Lakewood Shore road and wants to know what is the follow up? States tree trimming on Lakewood Shores road were not done. Supervisor Julie Johnson went down and observed the road and agrees a lot needs to be done and wants to get quotes for the work. Mr. Murphy states it has been 2 months, and nothing has been done and would like to know when it will be taken care of. Potholes, Supervisor Steve Wollak thought most were filled. Mr. Murphy stated Lakewood Shores road and Saldana road potholes are not filled. Also, a wood wheel wire spool was left or thrown by Plazak road. Mr. Murphy asked what is the budget for road cleanup for Lakewood Shores? Supervisor Steve Wollak said he would check it out tomorrow. Supervisor Julie Johnson said it is a budgetary item and we can discuss it now to address it at next month's meeting. She stated it is visually not attractive but structurally sound. Potholes, Supervisor Todd Waytashek will review and get them filled. Supervisor Julie Johnson will take care of the rocks, the four wheelers and cars are kicking rocks on the road so it may be a continuing problem. Plazak road, wood wheel wire spool- Supervisor Steve Wollak will pick up. The hedge trimming encroaching on the road, Supervisor Steve Wollak made motion to put bids out for tree trimming Lakewood Shores road, Supervisor Julie Johnson 2nd, Supervisor Todd Waytashek plans on bidding on it so he abstained.

Jerry Kostreba- stated surveyors were out on 105th and asked what plans are for that road? Will there be any dirt work? It will be reclaimed and widening, he is asking for shoulders because of tractors. Supervisor Julie Johnson said it is in the design phase and is in progress.

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

Update- just finishing up on frost road 85th completed but just needs cleanup. Supervisor Julie Johnson asked if residents should water or if the contractors will be doing it? Nick Anderson said that the residents should absolutely water. Julie Fandel thanked them for changing the incline to Hwy 10 smoother and road wider. Question was asked about the culvert needing a safety screen. Nick stated it was not needed for code but can be added and the board would need to approve them. Supervisor Julie Johnson asked that he give her a price. Also was asked if the driveways can be pressure washed? Response was that the skid loader will come and sweep excess hydroseed off. Nick does not have a price for ware course yet. How far back should sprinklers be set back? Wants them back where

they were. Driveways were not all paved, policy was to replace with what was there. A 2ft bump out for fields. Jerry 105th street. Would like to see paving driveways to the right-away line. Estimated cost would be \$600 a driveway. There are maybe 7 driveways on frost road for total of \$4200. If able to get a good price a special meeting will be needed to approve. Steve Peka- roads in township all over are bad, instead of using it on driveways we could be using it for other road repair. Supervisor Todd Waytashek suggests that we do more research before making any decisions. Supervisors to research and have a special meeting to discuss.

Pirates Cove 2nd Lift Roads- Acceptance Conditions- 3600 sf to be removed. The developer wants to have it done. Knife River will get to it in about 3 weeks. Nick would like to see the developer's agreement. Nick states that there was no warranty on the road acceptance, also stated it was standard practice to wait a year before adding wear course. Road is about 13 y/o. The board is not sure what the acceptance will be. The developer does have the money in escrow and has enough money to cover costs.

Benton County CUP/Variance Requests:

- c. Daniel Jurkovic – Alternative Flood Proofing Elevation, going straight up
- d. Anna McKeehan – Flood Proofing Elevation, building redesigned and does meet requirements
- e. Lloyd & Christine Samuelson – Variance Application, teardown garage and put a bigger one up, meet requirements

Don Jarrot Invoice for bollards- Letter sent, residents asked that 2 bollards be removed, and it was a private road. Supervisor Julie Johnson asked Jason Zwilling to put it back and it did not get done on time requested by Mr. Jarrot. Mr. Jarrot is requesting \$500 for repair and putting back the bollards, the township attorney stated that \$500 was excessive and that \$250 was a fair price and if he wants the full amount that he would need to provide receipts. A motion was made by Supervisor Steve Wollak to approve payment of \$250, 2nd by Supervisor Todd Waytashek, motion carried.

Tri County Humane Society Contract- Loose, stray animals, emergency animal rescue. Supervisor Todd Waytashek made motion to approve contract, Supervisor Steve Wollak 2nd, motion carried.

Farm Aerial Spraying Concerns – Steve Peka, noise is out of hand, wants to know what the board can do with start times and lengths of time flying over. Also wants to know alternative ways to do it. They are flying over the tops homes excessively and sometime not even spraying. Wondering if the board can go to the MN Association of townships with questions about these issues. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated she did do some checking; they do have the right to farm and they have a website that you can fill out a form to file a formal complaint through MN Department of Ag. Steve Peka wants to check with the MN

Association of township if we can do anything. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated that the MN Department of Ag will have to follow up with the any complaints. Supervisor Steve Wollak will follow up with the farmer and find out some details. Supervisor Julie Johnson will send the link to the complaint form to Steve Peka.

Dave Sweeney- health concern, neighbors have cancer. Pilot has a sister who lives there and was told not to go outside when plane is outside spraying. Very concerned with all the drifting and aerial spraying. Supervisor Julie Johnson suggested more people should fill out formal complaints on the website.

Sue Monnier- spraying is getting earlier and closer to the house. Steve Peka states he does not have to flying around as much as he is. He wants the board to do research and see if there are any other things that can be done.

Fire Bills – 2 appeals – Deb O’Keefe- 1 stated that she did not get any services and she found out that it was canceled call, and we do not charge for canceled calls. The other one a contractor was responsible for when they hit a gas line, but they are not responding. Supervisor Julie Johnson said that if he does not, then to let him know that he is responsible, and his company will be sent to collections. East Central Electric’s sub-contractor. Bill is from Rice Fire dept. Supervisor Julie Johnson will help Deb figure it out.

Developers Agreement & Subdivision Ordinance – Set Public Hearing Date, Table date looking at September or October

Ms4 annual report- Supervisor Todd Waytashek to complete this weekend

BNSF - quiet zone accidents, wants all government entities to check to make sure the pilons are in place and signage. Supervisor Julie Johnson asked all Supervisors to check them.

Bluejay court, right off Ferry Point. Resident would like to put a shed there but unable to if the road is going to be put in because of setbacks. It is a platted right away and would be difficult to change and will not be able to do anything about it. Supervisors to review and discuss in September.

Kings Inn and West Lake Road house falling apart – difficult to take pictures to prove. Previous supervisor took pictures, but the county did not want to take action. Public health director Nicole Rulholff was there but could not get close enough to take pictures. Supervisor Julie Johnson will follow up with Roxann from Benton County to see if anything can be done.

Westwood quote for surveying Sharon Place- \$5000 certificate of survey that gets filed with county. Supervisor Steve Wollak made motion to approve road survey, Supervisor Todd Waytashek 2nd, motion carries.

Reports:

1. Township Website – Supervisor Julie Johnson, up and running. Reregister on the website to get emails.
2. Road Inspector Report – Supervisor Todd Waytashek- will go out tonight to look at Lakewood Shores and Isac road intersection. He needs to update the seal coat list and will have for September meeting.
3. Building Maintenance Report – Supervisor Steve Wollak- sprinklers fixed and 1 outside faucet needs to be fixed.

Citizens Input – Time limit 3 minutes

Mary Beth Crips, July 19, or 22 that a vibrating packer the 1st time it was used she videotaped how bad the vibration was. Neighbors also had things falling off walls. They had a crack in their wall that was just painted 2 years ago that went from one end to the other. They will need to go to Rice Contracting and should be covered through their insurance. Ivy Place a red dump truck left a mess of blacktop tar all the way down the road. Lloyd Erdmann thought it was a hired truck of Knife River.

Steve Peka- Was more material purchased to fix potholes? Are the crakes going to be filled before seal coating? They are too deep to just seal coat without filling. Supervisor Todd Waytashek stated seal coating maybe next year. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated a secondary budget will be made for extra. They are aware of all the roads that need to be fixed and are working on it.

Jerry Kostreba – what’s going on county road 55? Commissioner said that they are going to mill by Gordon’s bridge. He is hoping that they put shoulders on for the walkers and bicycles.

West Lake Court and Shoestring Loop has big craters that need to be filled.

Delroy – driveway approaches how much the bump off is going to cost? Going to the right of way may cause problems because of how far that may be. Need to consider curbs, corners, and back slopes. Supervisor Julie Johnson said that those will all be in consideration and it needs to be a consistent policy when they make a decision.

Supervisor Todd Waytashek made motion to adjourn, Supervisor Steve Wollak 2nd, motion carries.

Adjournment at 8:37

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully accepted,

Nicole Burski
Watab Township Clerk

Julie Johnson
Watab Township Chairman