

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING

Regular monthly meeting

November 12, 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, Bill Little, Natasha Barber from the Sauk Rapids Herald, Jack and Renee Polcher, Jeff and Julie Fandel, Jerry Kostreba, David Johnson, Jessica Storkamp, Jane DeAustin, Lloyd Erdmann, Bob Raveling, Sandra Saldana, Chris Davis, Tom and Pat Pappenfus, Jim Browalson, Sandra Saldana, Ed Kacures

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve Wollak to approve agenda with changes, second by Supervisor Todd Waytashek. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – One motion for all items.

October 8th, 2019 Meeting Minutes, needs- per Supervisor Todd Waytashek, several changes to October 8th meeting. Pirates Cove road, snowplowing bids- stated protocol was not followed. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated it was publicly noticed and under \$75,000 it does not need to go out for bids. Road inspector report, minor pothole repairs will be done by Supervisors Steve Wollak and Supervisor Todd Waytashek- Supervisor Todd Waytashek stated he did not agree to doing that. Supervisor Julie Johnson and Supervisor Steve Wollak stated that he did agree. Supervisor Todd Waytashek disagreed and wants his name removed.

October 29th, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

November 4th, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Supervisor Steve Wollak to approve consent agenda with changes to October 8th meeting minutes, 2nd by Supervisor Todd Waytashek. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as of October 31st- Falcon checking \$2715.38 Bremer Market \$37,885.02 total of \$40,600.40 Falcon Money Market-Road and Bridge \$254,605.54 Total all accounts \$295,205.92. Score grant for cleanup day \$12,535.69. Fine shares \$387.97, Little Rock Lake association \$540 was donated back to the hall. \$1704 for agricultural market value credit, an email was sent to Benton County to find out what that is from. After claims were paid the checking account is at \$4024.04. Supervisor Todd Waytashek made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Supervisor Steve Wollak 2nd, motion carried.

Approve list of Bills & Claims & Payroll

An item was added to the agenda to discuss the MS4 fine.

Supervisor Todd Waytashek made a motion to approve bills and claims, Supervisor Steve Wollak 2nd, motion carried.

Quiet Crossing – BNSF Meeting, trying to schedule on 105th but most likely will not be until spring. Nick Anderson will be coming in December with 105th road plans and to discuss designs.

Subdivision Ordinance/Developers Agreement – Benton County – Discussion, special meeting was had with setting the fee schedule. Jane DeAustin from CMBA made comment about percentage rates were brought up to 150% instead of going down to 125%, agreed should be amended to 125%.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve Wollak to approve subdivision ordinance, schedule A fees, Supervisor Todd Waytashek 2nd, motion carried.

Building Permit fee schedule- Watab has a partial fee schedule since 2011 but does not cover the building permit fees. Watab will match Benton County in fee rates. Fee schedules will be adopted 1/1/2020. A motion was made to approve the building permit fee schedule effective 1/1/2020 by Supervisor Steve Wollak, 2nd by Supervisor Todd Waytashek, motion carried.

Developers Agreement- will be required once the subdivision ordinance is adopted. Supervisor Todd Waytashek has not seen the final copy, as it was sent late the night before. He would like to review it first before making a motion. This also affects the ordinance. A motion to accept will be tabled until next month for both.

Ordinance- tabled until next month, a summary copy with a link to the full ordinance needs to be published 2 times.

County Park Board Request - Bend in the River, doing work next year, they have asked if they can use our park funds to assist their projects. Supervisor Todd Waytashek wants detailed plan with total cost and what our contribution would be. Supervisor Julie Johnson will bring that information to Decembers monthly meeting.

February Primary Reimbursement – State of MN/Benton County sent a form that was filled out for estimated primary costs that will be reimbursed by the state up to a certain dollar amount after elections.

Clerk Resignation given in September effective December 1st. A motion was made to accept clerk resignation by Supervisor Todd Waytashek, 2nd by Supervisor Steve Wollak, motion carried.

Chris Davis was interviewed for clerk position. A motion was made to appoint Chris Davis for remaining term by Supervisor Steve Wollak, 2nd by Supervisor Julie Johnson, motion carried. Supervisor Todd Waytashek, opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion of Elected vs Appointed Clerk Position- larger townships are going towards appointed clerks position. Supervisor Julie Johnson would like to make the clerk position an appointed position and not an elected position. She would like to make that motion in December's meeting, so the board has time to review. The treasurer's position could also be an appointed position when the elected position is done. Supervisor Todd Waytashek feels that it should be added to the annual meeting and let the people decide if they want an appointed position.

15th Avenue Cleanup – resident was cleaning a house and got stuck in the ditch. They threw garbage out in the ditch and field. Supervisor Julie Johnson is in the process of cleaning it up and will be sending our costs to Benton County to go after criminal charges and to get refunded.

Benton County CUP/Variance Requests

Pirates Cove/Cove Development, proposing to combine 28 lots to make bigger lots. Supervisor Todd Waytashek made motion to approve the township acknowledge form for Benton County to combine lots, Supervisor Steve Wollak 2nd, motion carries.

Lakewood Shores ROW Clearing - Request for Bids Form, Supervisor Todd Waytashek would like to see a sample insurance certificate and different levels needed. Also stated the bidders should have an onsite walk through to see what they are bidding on.

Sucker Creek bridge inspection- Chris Byrd & Benton County staff did the annual bridge inspections. Sucker Creek Bridge passed. He did state in a phone call to Supervisor Johnson that the weight limit signs were missing. Supervisor Wollak will replace. Lloyd Erdmann stated there was a dip in the bridge. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated they could add it to the road tour inspections in the spring if there was still concern.

2019-11 Cove Road Resolution- Accepting 3 roads that were not on the list; 72nd Street, Jolly Roger Court, Cove Court Road past the 1st cul-de-sac.

MS4 Report fine, report was due June 30th, it was filed the last week in October 30. The Board asked for the report at several meetings. The township was fined a late fee of \$1755. Supervisor Todd Waytashek stated the report was 22 pages but only 8 pages were filed. Supervisor Julie Johnson and Supervisor Steve Wollak found it unacceptable for the report to be so late. The report was for 2018 MS4 inspections, previous supervisor visited sites 227 times that the township paid for and she found that to be unacceptable. Supervisor Todd Waytashek stated that the sites are individual visits and if a house took a year to finish, they might have visited one house 26 times. He also stated they had other things to look at like garages, roads, and a lot of other things. Whatever he had he would do a loop and look at several inspections in one day. Supervisor Todd Waytashek stated he had 9 visits today. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated that he only went out 2 times in October per his timesheet. Julie Fandel asked why it took 6 months to fill out the MS4 report when he knew he had a deadline. She felt that the citizens should not have to pay the late fee and that Supervisor Todd Waytashek should resign. Supervisor Julie Johnson asked several times if he needed help with the report and that Minden Township was willing to help. She does not want Supervisor Todd Waytashek to do the MS4 next year. Supervisor Todd Waytashek stated that the weather with all the rain and website issues were problematic for a timely completion.

West Plaziak Road damage- potato trucks were driving on it and breaking it up. Supervisor Todd Waytashek feels a letter should be sent and wants to discuss what we should do about it. Supervisor Julie Johnson will go and look at it. Supervisor Steve Wollak will talk to them.

Lake Andrew roads, Supervisor Todd Waytashek feels that it is a safety issues with houses pumping water on the roads and creating icy hazardous conditions. He wants to know what we can do about it. Supervisors Julie Johnson and Steve Wollak feel that we should not talk about it and that they are not the township roads and was advised by the township attorney not to. Supervisor Julie Johnson suggested that Supervisor Todd Waytashek call and talk to the developer to discuss it with them.

Other agenda items

Citizens Input –

Pat Pappenfus has concerns with 2 neighbors with things parked on the road and the excess buildings on one property. Benton County is looking into excess buildings and extra vehicles on their property. Supervisor Julie Johnson stated that she spoke with the county about that and they are looking into it.

Lloyd Erdmann, vehicle on West Lake Road parked partially on the road that has been there a couple of days.

Reports:

Road Inspector Report – Supervisor Todd Waytashek, Supervisor Julie Johnson was going to send letters to people who have things parked on the roads. Trailers were parked by 84th Ave in Oak Hill, West Lake Road 85th has 6 vehicles which is in MinDot right away.

Building Maintenance Report – Supervisor Wollak, Thursday the floor will be waxed, sprinkler was winterized, a request for carpet to be cleaned was made. Supervisor Todd Waytashek fixed the top snap of the flag pool and will replace.

A motion was made to adjourn by Supervisor Steve Wollak, 2nd by Supervisor Todd Waytashek.

Adjournment 7:59pm