

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – 8:03 pm

The regular monthly Watab Township Supervisor's Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 8:03 pm in the Watab Township Hall.

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, Mike Couri (Township Attorney), Kevin Kruger (Township Engineer), Todd and Vicki Waytashek and son, Jerry Kostreba, Ray Thompson, Jeff Wollak, Robin Wollak, Jeff and Julie Fandel, Jack and Renee Polcher, Lloyd Erdmann, Sandy Saldana, Paul Wippler, Brad McIntosh, Pat Schreder, Mark Helgeson, Fred Segler, Jim Hovda, Kenneth and Maureen Graber, Chuck Anderson, David Van Deusel

Attending via Zoom: Carol Eisenreich

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Wacosa Contract Renewal

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. November 9, 2021: Regular Monthly Board Meeting (with corrections)
 - #9c: change contractor from Dierkes Concrete to Nelson Sanitation
 - #13: verbiage change
- b. November 17, 2021: Special Meeting: Review and Award Gravel Quotes for Minimum Maintenance Road

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

4. CONSIDERATION OF PETITION TO VACATE 5TH AVENUE NW

Mike Couri presented:

- Option 1: Approve the petition to vacate the road
- Option 2: Deny the road vacation
- Option 3: Table the issue

Mike Couri does not recommend vacating the road at this time without signed waivers of damages and unless and until easements are in place. Because neither of these parameters have been met, Mr. Couri prepared and presented the Board with a resolution denying the petition to vacate the road.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to deny the petition; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT (10-31-2021)

Falcon Checking	\$452,620.68
Bremer Money Market	16,104.36
Falcon Savings (Building Account)	<u>5,012.30</u>
	\$473,737.34

Falcon Money Market \$300,735.44

TOTAL \$744,472.78

Falcon Checking Interest	85.05
Falcon Money Market Interest	88.24
Bremer Interest	.63
Falcon Savings Account (Building)	1.65
BCA Fines	103.32

OTHER:

Transferred Cornerstone Interest to General Fund	32.36
Transferred from Bremer MM to Falcon Checking (11/18)	44,000.00
Transferred from Falcon Checking to Falcon Money Market (11/23)	44,000.00
Deposited funds from ARPA (11/23)	5,604.99

Supervisor Wollak moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

6. APPROVE LIST OF BILLS, CLAIMS, AND PAYROLL

Supervisor Wollak moved to accept bills, claims, and payroll; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve reissuing the check to Chuck’s Ditch Mowing to contract amount of \$3,223.52. Original check will be voided.

7. WSB ENGINEER REPORT--Kevin Kruger

a. Quiet Crossing Application

Kevin Kruger will continue to check with BNSF.

b. Sucker Creek Easements

Mike Couri has them; has not gotten back to us yet.

c. 105th Street NW—Approval of Final Payment

Did not pave shoulder on the west end—will complete next spring.
Invoice is for work completed this year.

Invoice for payment to Knife River in the amount of \$15,688.00 was received with a retainage in the amount of \$10,704.87 for work to be completed Spring, 2022.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to pay the invoice to Knife River except for retainage.

d. MS4 Report

The Board will meet in January with WSB officials to finalize plans. Approval is needed to move to Phase 2 of the process.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to move forward to Phase 2 of the MS4 permit process; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

8. ROAD REPORT

a. Minimum Maintenance Road Gravel

Gravel was added but froze that night. The Road will be regraded in the spring. In the meantime, the road will need to be plowed. Supervisor Johnson will get a quote from Marson to plow the road through the rest of the season.

9. ARPA FUNDS

a. Broadband Grant Review

Grants have become available from several counties in Minnesota for Broadband expansion. Amanda Othout from the Benton Economic Partnership will assist in writing grants.

b. Oak Hill Vacuuming Report

Culvert 22 in Oak Hill Estates was completely packed with dirt—did not drain at all. Used ARPA funds to clean out. Also cleaned out culverts on 95th Street. There are plans to continue cleaning out culverts in the Cove next year and Lake Andrew when those roads are accepted by the Township.

10. TOWN HALL

a. Paint and Carpet

Rental funds will be transferred to the building savings account to be used for building maintenance. The clerk will check into costs and report findings at a future meeting.

11. WACOSA CONTRACT

Annual contract is due in January. The rate increase is \$2.62 per hour.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the contract for 2022; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

CITIZEN’S INPUT—Time limit 3 minutes

David VanDeusel

Unhappy with tree cutting on his road on 81st Street. Damage to ditch. Lost privacy. Plows rip up the grass in front of his house and dig up the driveway. Could trees be replaced?

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

Date