

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 7:00 pm

The regular monthly Watab Township Supervisor’s Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 7:00 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, Kevin Kruger (Township Engineer), Todd Waytashek, Julie and Jeff Fandel, Jack and Renee Polcher, Robin Wollak, Mike Wilcox, Ray Thompson, Dothan Aleshire, Ellary Prentice, Sandra Saldana

Attending via Zoom:

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Resolutions
- b. Board of Adjustments
- c. Kings Inn Update
- d. Nate Landwehr
- e. Marson
- f. Clean-up Day
- g. Benton County Cable Update

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. December 14, 2021: Public Hearing: Petition to Vacate 5th Avenue NW
- b. December 14, 2021: Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

4. RESOLUTIONS

2022-1: Designation as a Polling Place and Appointment of Election Judges

2022-2: Appointment of Absentee Ballot Board

2022-3: Annual Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Building Savings Fund

2022-4: Transferring Rental Proceeds from the General Fund to the Building Savings Fund

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve all four resolutions; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT (12-31-2021)

Falcon Checking	\$682,426.26
Bremer Money Market	18,255.69
Falcon Savings (Building Account)	<u>5,014.00</u>
	\$705,695.95
Falcon Money Market	<u>\$300,840.61</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,006,536.56</u>

Falcon Checking Interest	130.76
Falcon Money Market Interest	102.17
Bremer Interest	.29
Falcon Savings Account (Building)	1.70

Supervisor Johnson reported there is \$3,391,414.40 in the Bond Proceeds Account held by Ehlers.

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

Treasurer O'Keefe reported that the 2020 Audit is almost complete.

6. APPROVE LIST OF BILLS, CLAIMS, AND PAYROLL

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

7. WSB ENGINEER REPORT--Kevin Kruger

- a. Quiet Crossing Application
In progress; delayed over holidays. Will have to go through the Railroad Authority.
- b. MPCA MS4 Ordinance Update
Will coordinate Taylor at WSB to discuss.
- c. Sucker Creek Easements
Kevin Kruger approached two landowners requesting an easement on their property for the construction of the Sucker Creek Road and Bridge. Both landowners are reviewing documents and seem amenable to the easements.
- d. Lake Andrew Timeline
The goal is to have plans in place by the end of the month. Kevin Kruger will meet with Lake Andrew residents regarding water and sewer issues. The Board will review processes associated with the project. Hopefully the project can be put out for bids in March.
- e. Sucker Creek/Sharon Place Construction
Planning to begin the bidding process in March.
- f. Indian Road Construction
Planning to begin the bidding process in March.

8. ROAD REPORT

Nothing to report.

9. ORDINANCE 10 DISCUSSION

A public hearing was conducted on Monday, January 10, 2022, to discuss the elements of Ordinance 10 drafted by the Township Attorney, Mike Couri. Clerk will consult with Mr. Couri to finalize revisions. Fees were discussed. A Public Hearing was set for February 8 at 6:00 pm.

10. ARPA FUNDS

Clerk Sauer reported that spending parameters for ARPA funds will now be more flexible, per notice from the Minnesota Association of Townships. She will attend training Wednesday, January 12 which will clarify and explain changes and allowances.

11. WATAB OFFICIALS' SALARY ANNUAL DISCLOSURE

Written report was provided.

12. BUDGET AND AUDIT MEETING

Budget meeting was set for Tuesday, January 25 at 6:00 pm to set the 2022 budget and 2023 levy.

13. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TRAINING

Board will update certifications.

14. KINGS IN UPDATE

The owner has agreed to allow Benton County to clean up and certify costs to taxes. Paperwork is in progress.

15. SNOWPLOWING—Steve Wollak

Supervisor Wollak contacted Marson regarding plowing the minimum maintenance road; they will do at no charge as part of contract.

16. COVE 7TH ADDITION

Nate and Tania Landwehr have submitted a request to move the drainage easement on their property.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

17. CLEAN-UP DAY—Bill Little

Received \$1,000 from Langola Township to help with Clean-up Day expenses.

18. BENTON COUNTY CABLE COMMISSION—Bill Little

Meetings have increased from once a week to twice per week. Ample funds available for grants. The County should be able to fund 25-40% of the broadband expansion in the County with current funds. A substantial portion of the County is without cable infrastructure.

Steve Wollak asked Todd Waytashek to apologize to the Board for comments he made to the Sauk Rapids Herald where he called the Board liars in the matter of the amount spent on processing his petition to vacate 5th Avenue NW. A report was made available documenting the costs to Watab Township associated with processing and responding to the petition; total cost to date is \$3,581.72. Mr. Waytashek laughed and did not apologize.

Supervisor Little made a motion to send a thank you to Langola Township for the funds they provided for Clean-up Day as well as the help they provided at the event. He will send a card.

CITIZEN’S INPUT—Time limit 3 minutes

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

Date