

**WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 14 – 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, Clerk, Kathy Sauer, Treasurer, Jolene Wagner, Kevin Kruger, Engineer, Jeff and Julie Fandel, Jack and Renee Polcher, Jerry Kostreba, Jado Park, Natasha Barber, Bob Raveling, Chuck Ertl, Mike Wilcox, Blake Paulson

Attending via Zoom: Kevin Weeks, Todd Hagen, Drew Elness

**1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

- a. Land Services–3 requests
- b. MnDOT Request
- c. Deluxe Lawn Care
- d. Resolution 2022-17

**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. May 3, 2022: Special Meeting Minutes: Review of Treasurer Applications
- b. May 9, 2022: Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
- c. May 31, 2022: Special Meeting Minutes: Joint Meeting w/MnDOT, Benton County Officials, Langola Township re: CarCo Relocation

Supervisor Little made a motion to approve the minutes from all three meetings with deletion of a duplicate line in the Regular Meeting Minutes; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**4. TREASURER’S UPDATE**

**AS OF MAY 31, 2022:**

Falcon Checking	\$1,069,809.54
Bremer Checking	00.00
Uncleared Deposits	<u>372.25</u>
	1,070,181.79

**CTAS TOTAL CASH ON HAND** **\$1,070,181.79**

Checking Balance over/under 00.00

- \$450,000 received from Bond Fund on June 1, 2022, for Road and Bridge Construction Projects
- BCA Fines received in the amount of \$267.52
- Bond Investment Interest \$234.53
- Checking Account Interest \$181.82

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the financials for May; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

- Books are in balance as of May 31, 2022. After corrections were made, changes needed to be made to the year-end audit report. Year-end report was re-opened and re-filed with the state to reflect the corrections.
- Bremer account is now closed.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the Treasurer's year-end financial report; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

The Clerk requested that, in accordance with the recently passed Resolution 2022-13, all interest earned in the Falcon accounts be transferred to the General Fund to maintain and reflect consistency through 2022.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to transfer all earned interest to the General Fund back to January 1, 2022. Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

#### **5. APPROVE LIST OF BILLS, CLAIMS, AND PAYROLL**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve bills, claims, and payroll; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

#### **6. REPORT ON THE TREASURER'S COMPUTER INVESTIGATION**

Two computer forensic experts examined the computers and could not find a trail to the IP address leading to the parties who remotely logged in to the former Treasurer's computer.

Security is not an issue; there was no fraud, malfeasance, or manipulation; it is believed that the intent was to clear communication(s).

#### **7. LAND SERVICES**

- Shawn and Kellie Gallagher are requesting to install alternative flood-proofing. The Board has no issues with the request.
- Land Split on West Lake Road; owners have not submitted application yet.
- Conditional Use Permit  
Carco is requesting a conditional use permit for automobile and vehicle sales; Board approves the request with the condition that CarCo/Reliastone must use 115<sup>th</sup> for all access and not use 110<sup>th</sup> Street due to high accident number.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the CUP for CarCo/Reliastone; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

#### **8. SALE OF BONDS—Todd Hagen**

- S&P rating of A+
- Bond Sale was today; one bid from Northland Securities, Minneapolis, at 3.84%; 15-year fixed rate
- Lowered bond issue to \$930,000
- Bond is locked; cannot pay down debt for 8 years; prepayments will be invested

Property owners will have an opportunity to pay off their assessment.

- a. Resolution 2022-15: Approving Plans and Specifications and Advertisement for Bids for the Lake Andrew Subdivision Road Improvement Project

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-15; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

- b. Resolution 2022-16: Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for the Lake Andrew Subdivision Road Improvement Project In the amount of \$763,577.80

Supervisor Little made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-16; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

- c. Resolution 2022-17: Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$930,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2022A: Pledging for the Security Thereof Special Assessments and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof

Supervisor Little made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-17; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

## **8. WSB ENGINEER REPORT**

- a. Quiet Crossing Application  
Letter will be sent tomorrow to the National Rail Authority; there is a 21-day processing timeline; should be in place by mid-July.
- b. Sharon Place, Sucker Creek Road, and Indian Road Construction  
Bridge is closed; our project will start when bridge work is finished.
- c. Lake Andrew Construction Update  
Start date will depend on material delivery—estimating mid-late July.
- d. 115<sup>th</sup> Street NW Condition/Reclaim Estimate  
Kevin distributed an estimate to reclaim 115<sup>th</sup> Street NW: \$214,165.65.  
Supervisor Wollak suggested asking CarCo if they would be willing to contribute to the expense since their business will be benefitting from the improvement; meeting will be scheduled to discuss.
- e. Minimum Maintenance Road: Gravel and Grading  
Gravel has been placed; Kevin highly recommends dust control. Bid was received for \$7,040.00.  
Several residents suggested the amount of time the road will be used for the detour does not justify the expense.

## **9. CONDEMNED HOME UPDATE**

Property owners have hired Thompson Excavating to demolish the house and clear the site on West Lake Road as ordered by the Township. Work should commence in 3-4 weeks.

## **10- RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ISSUES**

Six letters were recently sent to residents for clean-up, car violations, and brick mailbox removal. All residents complied with the Township's requests.

## **11. ROAD REPORT**

- a. Storm Damage on 115<sup>th</sup>  
Request sent for reimbursement to FEMA by the County; approximately \$4,000 for Watab and Rice.
- b. Additional pothole filling was approved and completed.
- c. Dumping on Jackle Road; Supervisors Johnson and Wollak cleaned up massive dump.

## **12. DITCH MOWING QUOTE—Chuck's Brush and Ditch Cutting**

Chuck Ertl submitted a 2-year quote of \$3621.00 to mow ditches twice a year; once after July 4, once in the fall.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the quote of \$3,621.00 for 2022-2023; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**13. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION—Sugar Daddy’s**

Jado Hark submitted a request for a liquor license for Sugar Daddy’s. Business model is for a bar, restaurant, and topless club. Supervisor Johnson will check on state/county regulations. Letters will be sent to area residents notifying them of the request.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to table the issue until more information is gathered; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

**14. REIMBURSEMENT TO LRLA FOR CLEAN-UP DAY**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve a donation of \$500.00 for helping on Clean-up Day, 2021; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**15. RESCUE SERVICES BILL—Lewis Walker**

Township bill sent to Lewis Walker for rescue services in July 2021. Insurance will not work with the Township. Another notice will be sent.

**16. MnDOT REQUEST**

MnDOT is requesting to use a short stretch of Lark Road to haul waste to Henkemeyer’s Landfill for a limited time. They will repair the road if necessary.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to allow MnDOT to use a short stretch of road for hauling; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

**17. TOWN HALL LANDSCAPING**

A verbal quote was received from Deluxe Yard Care for \$85/hour per man to dig out, trim, and clean out landscaping around the Town Hall—quote received at \$85/hour. Supervisor Wollak suggested getting additional estimates.

**CITIZEN’S INPUT (3 minutes)**

- Jerry Kostreba—105<sup>th</sup> needs black dirt—Kevin Kruger will arrange to have it done.
- Blake Paulson—introduced himself as a candidate for state representative running for newly formed House District 10B.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer  
Township Clerk

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Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

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Date

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Kathy Sauer, Clerk

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