

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 12, 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, Clerk, Kathy Sauer, Treasurer, Jolene Wagner, Kevin Kruger (WSB), Nancy Johnson, Jim Hovda, Jim Newberger, Jeff and Julie Fandel, Jerry Kostreba, Stephen Bogie, Penny Rassier, Erlene Gallion, Carla DeMenge, S. Schiller, Bob Raveling, Fred Segler, Mike Wilcox, Natasha Barber, Todd Waytashek, Jason and Jenny Zwilling

Attending via Zoom: Cooper Gehrman

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Snowplowing Quotes
- b. Dead Trees on West Lake Court
- c. Resolution 2022-19
- d. Note from County Assessor
- e. Washout on West Lake Court—Joel Duray

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. June 6, 2022: Special Meeting Minutes: Class 5 and Grading Quotes
- b. June 14, 2022: Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
- c. June 28, 2022: Special Meeting Minutes: Grading Quotes
- d. Special Meeting Minutes: Preconstruction Meeting

Supervisor Little made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments in the Regular Meeting Minutes; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

4. TREASURER’S UPDATE

AS OF JUNE 30, 2022:

Falcon Checking	\$2,353,813.79
Bremer Checking	<u>00.00</u>
TOTAL CASH	\$2,353,813.79
Uncleared Deposits	+00.00
Uncleared Checks	<u>-48,018.00</u>
	\$2,305,795.79
CTAS TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$2,305,795.79

- Received \$450,000.00 from Bond Fund on June 1, 2022, for Road and Bridge Construction Projects
- BCA Fines: \$6.67
- Falcon Checking Account interest: \$252.77
- Deposited \$945,791.70 from the Lake Andrew Bond
- Received \$176,764.01 in ARPA Funds on July 1, 2022
- Received \$431,715.32 from Benton County for Property Tax Revenue on July 5, 2022

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June; 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. WSB ENGINEER REPORT—Kevin Kruger

a. Quiet Crossing Application

Needs signature of Supervisor Johnson as executive officer.

b. Road Construction Update—Lake Andrew

Preconstruction meeting scheduled for Friday, July 15; work is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 25.

c. Weekly Site Meetings—Sucker Creek/Sharon Place/Indian Road

Board met today with Knife River officials and Kevin Kruger; one drain tile line was hit on Indian Road. Contractor will replace the damaged 4" drain tile with 6" drain tile.

Rice Contracting will be contacted requesting them to move heavy equipment either before paving begins or via an alternate route.

d. Lakewood Shores Washout—Joel Duray

A washout on Lakewood Shores was reported by Joel Duray; Kevin Kruger inspected the washout and recommended to fill the affected area with River Rock. This section of road is on the 5-year plan and will be permanently repaired in the near future.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to fill the washout with River Rock, not to exceed \$700; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

e. Culverts

Master list of culverts is needed; Kevin Kruger will submit an estimate for locating culverts throughout the Township.

7. ROAD REPORT

Plans to create a maintenance schedule was discussed.

8. TED/MNDOT GRANT PROPOSAL: 110th and 115th Street NE

Supervisor Johnson submitted a grant proposal to MnDOT for repairs needed on 110th and 115th Street NE. Estimated cost for this work is \$500,000; amount requested was \$350,000. A MnDOT official contacted Supervisor Johnson requesting a meeting with the Board via Zoom on Thursday, July 14 to get more information. Since there is not enough time to notice the meeting, Supervisor Johnson will meet with TED officials and report.

9. RESOLUTION 2022-19: Transfer of Funds from the Road and Bridge Fund to the 410 Bond Fund to Provide for Interest Due in August, 2022

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the Road and Bridge Fund to the 410 Bond Fund to provide funds for the interest payment; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

10. RESOLUTION 2022-18: Appointment of Election Judges for the Primary and General Election

Resolution establishes open poll times for the August 9, 2022, Primary Election, and the November 8, 2022, General Election and identifies individuals who have been trained and certified to serve as election judges for both elections.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-18; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

11. LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST: Sugar Daddy's

After researching ordinances in Benton County regarding the application for a liquor license for prospective buyers of Sugar Daddy's, it was discovered that, although state statutes would allow a license for this type of establishment, the County can implement stricter measures. Benton County has an ordinance in place denying liquor licenses to strip clubs and/or topless bars.

After last month's meeting neighbors in the area were notified by mail. The Township received numerous emails letters, and phone calls from several residents and businesses expressing their disapproval of issuing a liquor license to the business.

Since learning of the ordinance, the buyer has pulled the application.

12. TOWN HALL LANDSCAPING QUOTE

One quote was received from Deluxe Yard Care for \$85/hour to trim and clean up the area around the Town Hall building

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to hire Deluxe Yard Care at a price of \$85/hour, not to exceed \$2,500.00; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to use ARPA funds for this expense; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

13. TOWN HALL SECURITY QUOTE: Safeguard Security

Quote was received from Safeguard Security for \$2,904.50 for a system upgrade and card access system upgrade.

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to approve the quote of \$2,904.50 from Safeguard Security; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to use ARPA funds for the expense; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

14. CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR AUGUST

The Regular Monthly Board Meeting originally scheduled for August 9, 2022, must be rescheduled due to the Primary Election being held that day.

The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

15. SNOWPLOWING QUOTES

Two quotes were received for a 2-year contract for snow plowing throughout the Township;

Burski Excavating	\$78,500 per year
Hanson Paving	\$75,000 per year

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to hire Hanson Paving at a cost of \$75,000 per year for a 2-year contract; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

16. WEST LAKE COURT TREES

There are four large dead trees down on West Lake Court; three are dead. A quote was received from Jason Zwilling for \$1,800.00 to remove the dead trees.

Supervisor Little made a motion to approve the quote of \$1,800.00 from Jason Zwilling to remove the trees; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Wollak will notify the owner and nearby residents that the trees will be removed.

NOTIFICATION: County Assessor will begin assessing properties in section 34 and 27 this year.

CITIZEN'S INPUT (3 minutes)

- Jim Hovda, 160 North Road, Langola Township
115th Street—West side of road is in excellent shape; east side of road is in terrible shape.
Will not happen this year, but is on the list for the near future
- Jim Newberger, State Senate Candidate
Introduced himself and his platform and took several questions.
- Carleen DeMenge 110th Street
Wants to know why her road is being turned into a dirt road. Road is not being maintained.

Road has been plowed, mowed, and graded over the years. There are many bad roads; plan for this road will be in consideration with the rest of the roads.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Wollak made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Johnson seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

Date