WATAB TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022-8:15 pm

The Watab Township Annual Meeting was called to order by Clerk Sauer at 8:15 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present offered allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Sauer, Clerk, Ray Thompson, Lloyd Erdmann, Jack and Renee Polcher, Jeff Wollak, Jeff and Julie Fandel, Robin Wollak, Geno Beniek, Jerry Kostreba, Paul Wippler, Todd Waytashek, Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, Ben Dolence, Sandra Saldana, Dothan Aleshire, Tim Thaemart, Wayne Larson, Del Shane, Jeremiah Minkel, Mike Opsahl, Jason Olmscheid, Andrew Omvig, Nate Rueter, Ellary Prentice, John Prelvitz, Bob Raveling, Kevin Reiter, Mike Barringer, Josh Wright, Neil Andruschke, John Olson

Attending via Zoom:

2. ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Paul Wippler nominated Jeff Wollak as moderator; Julie Fandel seconded; vote was unanimous.

3. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Benton Economic Partnership Membership Lake Andrew Update

4. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Jeff Fandel moved to approve the agenda; Paul Wippler seconded; vote was unanimous.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Annual Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2021

Geno Bienek made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting minutes; Jerry Kostreba seconded; vote was unanimous.

6. ANNUAL LEVY & BUDGET PRESENTATION—Julie Johnson, Chair

 Audit for 2020 was conducted by Conway, Deuth, & Schmiesing. Several corrections and changes were suggested and implemented.

Due to the receipt of ARPA funds in 2021 (\$176,764.02 we may be required to conduct a Gap Audit in the future; however, because we have, to date, spent little of the funds, we are not required to audit FY2021. An additional \$176,764.02, is expected sometime later this year. Due to proposed road construction spending for 2022, we will most likely be required to conduct an audit in future years.

- Secured road reconstruction bond in the amount of \$3,394,955.73 for construction and repairs to: West Lake Road, West Lake Court, Ferry Point, Lakewood Shores, Sandbur, Shoestring, Sharon Place, Sucker Creek Road, Indian Road 15th Avenue NW
- CARCO is moving from Rice to Watab Township.
- Increase in Ag Market Credit
- Rentals for the Township Hall are up.
- Additional election for the primary will be held in August.

- Received \$35,392 in state aid. Senator Jeff Howe is working to increase this amount in the future.
- Bond payments on the new bond will be due January, 2023, in the amount of \$260,000 to be paid out of Road and Bridge Fund.
- Lake Andrew residents will be paying a special assessment for the road construction in their development. Costs are being tracked and will be assessed to residents of Lake Andrew.
- 5th Avenue Bond matures in January, 2027. Current balance owed is \$295,000.00.

7. LEVY FUNDS VOTE AND APPROVAL (by fund)

General Fund \$80,000.00

Paul Wippler made a motion to approve a levy of \$80,000 for the General Fund; Ray Thompson seconded; motion carried.

Road and Bridge Fund \$600,000.00

Lloyd Erdmann made a motion that the Road and Bridge Fund levy remain at \$550,000; Todd Waytashek seconded; motion failed.

Paul Wippler moved to approve the Road and Bridge Fund levy of \$600,000; Ray Thompson seconded; motion carried.

Fire District 1 \$10,000.00

Jerry Kostreba made motion to approve a levy of \$10,000 for Fire District 1; Robin Wollak seconded; motion carried.

<u>Fire District 2</u> \$55,000.00

Paul Wippler made a motion to approve a levy of \$55,000 for Fire District 2; Julie Fandel seconded; motion carried.

Bond Fund \$60,000.00

Lloyd Erdmann made a motion to approve a levy of \$60,000 for the Bond Fund; Ray Thompson seconded: motion carried.

8. RICE RECREATION DONATION—Julie Fandel

Julie Fandel reported on current projects and activities. Large participation including children from Watab Township. Donation request: \$3,000.00. Lloyd Erdmann made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$3,000.00; Paul Wippler seconded; motion carried.

9. BEP DONATION REQUEST—Sandy Saldana

Sandy Saldana reported on BEP projects. Donation request: \$2,500.00. Robin Wollak moved to approve a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00; Ray Thompson seconded; motion carried.

10. WSB ENGINEER REPORT—Kevin Kruger, Engineer

Kevin Kruger was not able to attend the meeting. Will provide a full report at the Monthly Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

11. ELECTION RESULTS

Candidate 1: Steve Wollak 130

Write-ins

Todd Waytashek 14 Blank Ballot 1 Joe Schmo 1

Ballot Question: 110 yes votes; 33 no votes

12. SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, 2023

Paul Wippler made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting for 2023 on March 14; John Olson seconded; motion carried.

Paul Wippler moved that the Township Election be held March 14, 2023, from 12:00-8:00 pm; motion carried.

13. ED POPP—COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Ed Popp was not able to attend the meeting.

14. CITIZEN'S INPUT/CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

The only concerns expressed were with regard to Mayhew Township

15. BEP VIDEO

Viewed the promotional video put out by the Benton Economic Partnership

16. ADJOURNMENT

Paul Wippler moved to adjourn; seconded by Julie Fandel; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,	
Kathy Sauer	
Township Clerk	
Moderator	