

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

The regular monthly Watab Township Supervisor’s Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wollak at 7:00 pm in the Watab Township Hall.

ROLL CALL

Board supervisors present: Steve Wollak, Bill Little. Others present: Kathy Sauer, Clerk, Robin Wollak, Jerry Kostreba, Amanda Othoudt, Paul Wippler, Sandra Saldana, Natasha Barber

Attending via Zoom: Steve Johnson, Kevin Weeks

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Resolution 2022-21

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Supervisor Little moved to approve the agenda; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA—One motion for all items

- a. September 13, 2022: Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- b. September 26, 2022: Review and Approve Quotes to Reclaim Sandbur Trail

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

4. TREASURER’S UPDATE

Supervisor Wollak announced that the Treasurer, Jolene Wagner, resigned suddenly on October 5, 2022; therefore, the reporting is limited this month. Supervisor Johnson compiled the basic information.

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022:

Falcon Checking	\$1,966,027.30
Uncleared Checks	-120.57
Falcon Bank	<u>1,965,906.73</u>
SCHEDULE 1	\$1,965,906.74
Difference from CTAS	.01
CTAS TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$1,965,906.74

Notes:

BCA Fines: \$99.99

Checking Account Interest \$481.51

Void Payroll Check #8286 to adjust incorrect hours

Supervisor Little made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for September; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

5. APPROVE LIST OF BILLS, CLAIMS, AND PAYROLL

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

6. BROADBAND UPDATE—Amanda Othoudt

Amanda Othoudt distributed and reviewed BEP Highlights 2022 and reminded residents of the BEP Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, October 27 at The Clearing in Sauk Rapids.

Demographics of broadband coverage throughout the Township was presented showing that Watab Township currently has the best coverage of Townships in Benton County. There are gaps in coverage, however, in the southern part of the Township. Township Supervisors have met and are working with Benton Communications to fill this gap.

The County is looking for any additional funding from Townships to help fund broadband projects throughout the County.

7. WSB ENGINEER REPORT—Kevin Kruger

a. Quiet Crossing Application

Kevin received an email from BNSF stating that the whistles had not stopped because an official at BNSF claimed that Julie Johnson did not have the authority to sign documents for the Township. Although this was in error, all documents had to be resubmitted. Kevin was informed that all forms had been resubmitted. Whistles will now stop blowing on October 19.

b. Sucker Creek, Sharon Place, and Indian Road Completed

Project is complete except for miscellaneous details.

c. Lake Andrew Road Completed/Assessment

Project is complete except for miscellaneous details.

d. 2023 Planning

Board will convene with Kevin to create a plan. Date TBD.

8. RESOLUTION 2022-21: Hearing on Proposed Assessments for Lake Andrew Road Improvement Project

Supervisor Little made a motion to set the hearing date for the Lake Andrew Assessment Hearing for Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm; Supervisor Wollak seconded; Resolution 2022-21 is approved.

9. ROAD REPORT

- a. Culvert Consolidation: in progress

10. PIRATES COVE ENTRANCE

Petitioner was not present; issue tabled.

11. RICE FIRE CONTRACT

Since all board members are not present, item is tabled until next board meeting.

CITIZEN'S INPUT (3 minutes)

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

Date