

Watab Township Supervisors' Meeting  
September 4, 2018

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

A regular monthly Watab supervisors' meeting was called to order by Chairman Waytashek at seven o'clock p.m. in the Watab Township Hall.

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

**ROLL CALL**

Board member supervisors present included Craig Gondeck, Julie Johnson, and Todd Waytashek. Others present were Clerk Jon Hull, Treasurer Deborah O'Keefe, Bogart, Pederson & Associates representative Nick Anderson, Watab Township Road Construction Manager Lloyd Erdmann, and guests Mike Burton, Beth Cripe, Buzz Cripe, Doug Harden, David Johnson, Kellie Gallagher, Frank Hard, Ed Kacures, Jason Krueger, John Olson, Jim Rau, Sandy Rau, Sandra Saldana, Jessica Storkamp, Ray Thompson, Myron Wilson, Paul Wippler, Steve Wollak, and Bryan Wood.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried amending the proposed agenda by the addition of consideration of a striping bid and Shoestring Loop repairs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried approving minutes of August 8, 2018, August 16, 2018, and August 27, 2018, as printed and distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer O'Keefe presented information indicating Watab Township's August receipts, a cash control statement indicating a balance of \$662,649.44 and September payroll in the amount of \$4,326.46. A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried accepting this report.

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS AND WITHDRAW FUNDS**

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried authorizing payment of \$35,022.40 in claims and withdrawal of funds for same.

**CITIZENS' INPUT**

Ed Kacures and Ray Thompson both expressed concerns about property neglect in certain areas of the township. Supervisor Gondeck will investigate further.

Jason Krueger inquired about funds available from Benton County fines through automatic transfer to the township. Chairman Waytashek has conferred with the County and is waiting for informational processing.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN SOIL BORING SERVICE QUOTES

After some discussion, including the caveat that quotations for half the projects do not exceed \$4,500 and that the west side of 85<sup>th</sup> Street be included on the project, a motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried authorizing the obtainment of quotes for soil borings on specific areas.

#### APPROVAL OF WEAR COURSE APPLICATIONS FOR 85<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET

As Supervisors considered these applications, Township Road Construction Manager Erdmann indicated that, even though these wear course application projects would be completed this year, the township will not be billed until next year. Additionally, the cost of asphalt mix is expected to rise substantially next year.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried authorizing application of the wear course to 85<sup>th</sup> Street

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried authorizing application of the wear course to 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### DRAIN STABILIZATION AND SHOESTRING LOOP PATCHING

Consideration of stabilization of the drain on the SE corner of 95<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Shoestring Loop patching is tabled at this time.

#### AUTHORIZATION OF STRIPING

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried authorizing striping of 85<sup>th</sup> Street and the S-curve on 95<sup>th</sup> Street not to exceed \$2,300.

#### 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET PAVED SHOULDER (walking trail)

Information was heard from Lloyd Erdmann and Nick Anderson regarding consideration of a three foot paved shoulder on 95<sup>th</sup> Street to Highway 10. A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck and carried (as amended by Chairman Waytashek to include a \$6,000 cap) to pave this area three feet wider than the road, and 1½ inches thick at an estimated cost of \$4,500.

#### DISCUSSION TOPICS

##### Rice Fire/Emergency Services Proposal

Sandy Saldana, who represented the township's Rice Fire/Emergency Services Committee, reported that discussions with the City of Rice went well. Comments were heard from Treasurer O'Keefe, Brad McIntosh, Steve Wollak, John Olson, Paul Wippler, Lloyd Erdmann, and John Olson regarding current township billing practices for Fire District I for firefighting, emergency medical services, and rescue from the City of Rice.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Gondeck adopting the agreement as presented by the City of Rice for 2019-2020. Voting in favor of the motion were Supervisor Johnson and Supervisor Gondeck. Chairman Waytashek voted against the motion suggesting the Board needed more opportunity to review the proposed contract since the current contract does not expire until December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION TOPICS (continued)

Rice Fire/Emergency Services Proposal (continued)

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to void the McIntosh medical call services bill. The motion died for lack of a second. Chairman Waytashek suggested the Board table this request pending consultation with an attorney in an effort to establish a standard practice for the entire population.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried to disband the township's Rice Fire/Emergency Services Committee effective at once with sincere acknowledgements for the efforts in negotiating the contract.

PROPOSED TOWNSHIP ENGINEERING STANDARDS

Extensive discussion ensued among supervisors, district residents, and professional staff regarding proposed, updated township road engineering standards developed by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Incorporated.

CONSIDERATION OF TEN-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Information on the proposed ten-year township road improvement plan had been distributed at the August 27, 2018 work session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to include 85<sup>th</sup> Street and Burton Place and Frost Road in the proposed ten-year plan. She then withdrew the motion.

Consideration of the ten-year transportation improvement plan was tabled until the October meeting.

Comments and suggestions on township roads were heard from various guests about the following: location of 85<sup>th</sup> Street; radius of township roads; effect of businesses on township roads in residential districts; water pooling at the intersection of 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue; and the DNR landing at 95<sup>th</sup> Street West.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried widening 85<sup>th</sup> Street to an acceptable radius.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried deepening the swale on 95<sup>th</sup> Street by adding two to four inches of rock that will address water pooling from the street.

District resident David Johnson requested Watab Township remove the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension from his property title. Supervisor Gondeck will pursue additional information before official Board consideration and action.

REPORTS TO AND FROM THE BOARD

Score Grant Participation Request from Little Rock Lake Association

Supervisor Gondeck had written the grant, Watab Township had been awarded grant funds, and he had followed up with plans, vendors, work staff, and advertisement of the event. Supervisor Johnson suggested the Board vote on specifics of the annual Watab-Langola Townships Clean-Up Day every year.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Chairman Waytashek allowing members of the Little Rock Lake Association to job shadow the project for a donation from grant funds of \$750. Voting in favor of the motion were Supervisor Johnson and Chairman Waytashek. Voting against the motion was Supervisor Gondeck. Motion carried.

Newly Appointed Minnesota Association of Townships Director

Correspondence has been received from the Minnesota Association of Townships that David W. Hann is the newly appointed director.

Benton County Hearing Notice

Chairman Waytashek will attend the September 13 public hearing to consider the request of Kenneth Freese to operate a contractor shop in the agriculture district of Watab Township.

CONSIDERATION OF ROAD PROJECTS SUPERVISOR'S CLAIM

A motion was made by Chairman Waytashek, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried authorizing payment of \$3,500 to Lloyd's Contracting, Incorporated, for 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 95<sup>th</sup> Street project work accomplished in August of 2018.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Topics of concern included:

- Steve Wollack – Rice fire contract and legal counsel costs
- Jessica Storkamp – vacation of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue road title
- Myron Wilson – independent candidate for state legislature
- Ed Kacures – ditch on 95<sup>th</sup> Street curve
- Bryan Woods – Kings' Inn property on Highway 10  
(Supervisor Gondeck will investigate further)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business appearing before the Board, a motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried adjourning the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon L. Hull  
Watab Township Clerk

Respectfully accepted,

Todd B. Waytashek  
Watab Township Chairman