

## Minutes of Watab Town Board Meeting of July 5, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Watab Town Hall by Board Chair Ed Kacures Jr. All board members were present: Supervisor Kacures; Supervisor Lloyd Erdmann; Supervisor Craig Gondeck; Treasurer Eileen Saldana; and Clerk Pat Spence. Audience members were: Todd Waytashek, Bob Raveling, Ed Popp, Anna Saldana, Aaron and Tina Green, and Patrice Hedlund.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, the agenda was approved through a motion by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Kacures, and passed. Minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved through a motion by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed. The Chair signed the minutes. Treasurer Saldana gave her report which was accepted through a motion by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck to pay all claims presented, #6087 through 6111 and electronic transfers for IRS and PERA, totaling \$37,087.61; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Erdmann and passed.

There were no Citizen's Issues.

Old Business included:

- A. Engineering of 85<sup>th</sup> Street and 95<sup>th</sup> Street is ongoing.
- B. Crack Filling and Pothole Repairs: Ilex done, Ivy  $\frac{3}{4}$  done, and will be completed this month.
- C. Grading of 66<sup>th</sup> Street was completed and the calcium chloride was applied. Al Boe's road did not need blading.
- D. Asphalt on Johnson Road: Quotes will be forthcoming in conjunction with another project in the township to save on cost.
- E. Seeding Shoulders on Lakewood Shore Crossing: still trying to get quotes; also need riprap to control erosion.
- F. Quotes for New Donation Board: Supervisor Gondeck showed a possible design to the board and is still looking for other options that are less expensive.
- G. All signs have been installed.
- H. Town Hall Sprinkler System has been repaired.
- I. Hazardous Waste Removal: Platz property junk pile on Plaziak Road has been cleaned up; they have another thirty days to remove unlicensed vehicles; Fred Segler will volunteer to remove the dead trees.
- J. Park Dedication Fee Issues: Clerk Spence reviewed her communication with Monty Headley; Commissioner Ed Popp discussed the county board rescinding its action to use park dedication funds for St. John's School Playground in Foley; the board had several questions and let Commissioner Popp know that the board is seeking to set up township park dedication fees so that the board has control over the funds and makes sure that they are being used to benefit the plats where the fees originate. The board also let Commissioner Popp know it has requested meetings with the county board in writing three different years with no response.
- K. Brush and Tree Cutting in Right of Ways: Chuck Ertl has been out mowing; the north end of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue is cleaned up.

New Business:

- A. Resolution to Approve Election Judges was passed through a motion by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Gondeck, and passed.
- B. Benton Economic Partnership Organizational Meeting will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Jack and Jim's; there will be an election of the board. Commissioner Popp discussed the process for hiring

a director and the fundraising effort. The board thanked him for his leadership in pursuing economic development for Benton County.

- C. Lake Andrew Development Report: Clerk Spence reviewed the information in the board packets: (1) letter from Tina and Aaron Green; (2) copy of letter from MPCA; (3) and Scott Jarrot's monthly report. The board discussed that Scott has not been letting the board know the amount of money that is in reserve, the amount of each lot sale, and what dollars he has available to fix the problems with wastewater and water systems. Clerk Spence was asked to send an email and letter to Scott and email with the threat of not issuing building permits after July 15<sup>th</sup> if he doesn't give an exact timetable for contractors working on the issues. There are serious water pressure issues at some of the homes. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Gondeck, and passed to take the above action.
- D. Standard and Poor annual financial report has been sent for their review.
- E. State Demographer Report: Watab has 3,203 population as of April 15, 2015.
- F. Report on Summer MAT Short Course: Treasurer Saldana, Clerk Spence, and Supervisor Gondeck reported on the conference. Treasurer Saldana attended training on township finances; Clerk Spence received the Clerk's training for administering elections; and Supervisor Gondeck was recertified for the Board of Equalization.
- G. Annual Weed Tour: The board received the annual report from Supervisor Gondeck. Todd Waytashek said that there is Poison Ivy on both sides of the road near his home; he was given permission from the board to spray it.
- H. Monthly Communications: Clerk Spence reported on all the communications sent to the board during the past month.
- I. Board Member Reports: Supervisor Gondeck reported on the Greater St. Cloud Development meeting and said that the Sherburne County Department of Development Director spoke about how their program is totally funded by the county; Jane DeAustin also gave a report from Central MN Builders; Rice Economic Development has a potential project; there are two interested parties in projects in Watab. The economy is stronger with an increase in activity. Supervisor Gondeck had a request from a resident on Peace Rock Road that wants his street re-tarred for rollerblading. He also gave him good ideas on getting more specific information about people who don't pay for their emergency call bills. Supervisor Gondeck also asked to have the L & R resolution on EMS calls on the August agenda.

There was no further Citizen's Input.

The board discussed the July work plan: cutting grass at the town hall; STS Crack Filling; Land Disturbance Permit inspections; sealcoating of the roads; working on the frontage road easements; and follow up on Lake Andrew development issues. Authorization was given to Supervisor Gondeck to buy a battery-operated pole saw for the township.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence