

Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Watab Town Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Ed Kacures Jr. All other board members were present: Treasurer Eileen Saldana, Clerk Pat Spence, and Supervisors Lloyd Erdmann and Craig Gondeck. Audience members were Jason Kruger, Alex Gummow, John Olson, Roger Peterson, Tina Von Eschen, Kevin Reiter, Bob Raveling, Maureen Graber, Anna Saldana, and Arlen & Kim Roos. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the Chairman asked for approval of the agenda. Clerk Spence announced that Mayor Rogholt has recently asked to attend the June meeting, since a conflict arose for him attending tonight's meeting. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed to approve the agenda with the above change. On-Sale and Sunday Sale Liquor License approval for Oak Hill Golf Course was granted through a motion by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed. Roger Peterson was thanked by the board for the well-run business. Off-Sale Liquor License approval was granted for Pine Edge Northern League Oil Company through a motion by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed. Alex Gummow was thanked by the board for his well-run business.

Clerk Pat Spence gave a power-point presentation on the work of the township during the past year to fulfill the requirements of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Permit granted the township by MPCA. Chair Kacures asked for questions or input from the audience. Maureen Graber commented that she is so pleased that the township is working with other entities on this program. The Power-Point presentation is filed with the minutes.

The minutes of the April 5th and 14th meetings were approved through a motion by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Kacures and passed. (The Clerk added the word "fire" to the type of contract the township has with Sauk Rapids on page three of the April 5th minutes. The spelling of Tim "Rajkowski's" name was also corrected in the April 14th minutes).

The Treasurer's Report was given by Eileen Saldana with a cash balance in the two checking accounts of \$406,189.18. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann and passed to accept the report.

Citizen's Issues: (1) Kim Roos addressed the board regarding a bill for emergency services that she and her husband received for Rice Emergency Services to their home on March 28th. She had placed a 911 call for her husband. Seven First Responders entered their 16 x 80 mobile home in addition to three ambulance personnel and a sheriff's deputy. She said that she would have liked only three of the First Responders to enter the home and the others remain outside due to the cramped space and only three of the men doing work and the others creating a distraction. She stated that their medical insurance provider said that they would cover the bill but could only make payment to the provider. After speaking with the township treasurer and clerk about the situation, she decided to come to the meeting to resolve this problem since there are probably many more people who are having the same problem. The board responded that since the township is not the provider of the service, the township cannot provide medical insurance companies with the provider certificate number that is needed to process the claim. The township has requested that the City of Rice do the billing, but they have

declined in the past. The board suggested that she attend a Rice City Council Meeting to let them know of the issue and to discuss the number of First Responders entering the home. She will also come back to the township meeting in June when the Rice City Mayor plans to attend. (2) Jason Kruger told the board that a piece of equipment was left in the south ditch after the Frost Road work.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed to pay the monthly claims #6039-6062 and electronic transfers for IRS and PERA totaling \$18,385.57 and to withdraw the funds from the appropriate accounts.

Old Business:

- A. The board reviewed quotes for engineering services submitted by Jon Bogart. The quotes are as follows: (1) 95th Street from 10th Avenue to TH10: Pre-Design-\$6,300; Design-\$15,700; and Construction-\$8,000 for a total of \$30,000. (2) 85th Street NW from 1st Avenue NW to TH 10: Design- \$8,000; Preparation of Easements if needed - \$2,700; Bidding - \$2,00; Construction - \$5,600 for a total of \$23,450.00 Clerk Spence reviewed the road and bridge budget for 2016 for these two projects and recommended contracting with Bogart, Pederson and Associates for Pre-Design and Design of 95th Street through the preparation of easements, which would cost \$19,000 and Pre-Design and preparation of plans and specifications for 85th Street NW for a cost of \$12,650. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann to authorized Bogart, Pederson and Associates to do the work as stated above; motion was seconded by Supervisor Gondeck with the addition of information that Craig Hanson had told him that their company will donate the dirt to widen the road; motion passed. Supervisor Erdmann and Clerk Spence were asked to put together written authorization to send to Jon Bogart on these two projects.
- B. Contract and Notice to Proceed with ASTECH has been signed for 2016 Bituminous Chip Sealing and Fog Sealing of the town hall parking lot, 5th Avenue, and Riverview Loop.
- C. Supervisor Gondeck reported that he has completed the Annual Sign Inspection and Report. Motion was made by Supervisor Kacures, second by Supervisor Erdmann to authorized Supervisor Gondeck to order three Yield signs and one Stop sign; motion passed.
- D. Supervisor Gondeck requested that the board send a letter to MNDOT requesting that they complete a study of Highway 10 through Watab Township regarding the need for frontage roads or overpasses; this study was promised to follow completion of the overpass in Rice by the Commissioner. Supervisor Kacures said that he is opposed to the motion because he does not want acceleration lanes on Highway 10. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed with Supervisor Kacures abstaining to have the Clerk send a letter to MNDOT requesting the study.
- E. Update on Road Tour work was given by Supervisor Gondeck: Marson's are repairing a small amount of snow plowing damage, and contracts have been executed with Rice Contracting and Development for the minimum maintenance road repairs and with Saldana Excavating and Aggregates for pothole repairs. Allen Saldana believes that there will only be five tons of material needed this year versus nine tons last year.
- F. A quote has not been received for seeding the road right of way near the Lakewood Shore railroad crossing. Supervisor Gondeck will contact Brian Erdman for a quote.

- G. Supervisor Erdmann reviewed the monthly report received from Scott Jarnot for Lake Andrew Development. There have not been any lot sales during the past month, but three are pending. Pumping reports look good.

New Business:

- A. Supervisor Gondeck gave a report on his inspections for twenty-four active construction project sites. Clerk Spence reviewed the 2.8 land disturbance for a driveway and site preparation completed without a SWPPP plan or permit fee. Wayne Cymbaluk has done the inspection and submitted his request for action to the property owner. Supervisor Gondeck has photos and measurements of the site.
- B. Supervisor Erdmann will get a quote from Marsons for asphalt to complete the Johnson Road access onto Highway 10.
- C. Clerk Spence and Supervisor Gondeck reported on the Legal Short Course they attended in Burnsville. They received relevant information regarding issues in Watab Township with different legal advice than we have received from our current attorney.
- D. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Kacures, and passed with Supervisor Gondeck opposed to sign a contract with Tina Diedrich-Von Eschen as Local Assessor. Supervisor Gondeck was opposed to a five-year contract. Tina introduced herself and was congratulated by the board. Clerk Spence and the board thanked Jason Kruger with his assistance in the interview process; he noted how the board was fortunate to have highly qualified applicants. Motion was made by Supervisor Kacures, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed with Supervisor Gondeck opposing to make an initial payment for startup costs to the Assessor in the amount of \$3,958; this amount will be deducted from the total contract cost for 2016. The contract is based on the same cost the township had with the previous Assessor at \$8.00 per parcel.
- E. Supervisor Gondeck told the board that Wayne Cymbaluk would like to have a special meeting for training the board on identifying illicit discharge. Clerk Spence will arrange a date with Wayne.
- F. Clerk Spence reviewed the MS4 Annual Report to MPCA. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Gondeck, and passed to send the report electronically to MPCA. The board thanked Clerk Spence for her work.
- G. Supervisor Gondeck reported on the economic development board, and that he also attended the Benton County Planning Commission meeting regarding a variance for Joe Schmitz. The turnaround for fire trucks was installed at Sandy Shores. Also, Chelle Benson had approved an easement dedicated to the township that extends from Burton Place to the private driveways so that they don't need to come out to a township road. The township was not aware of this when it was approved by Benton County.
- H. The board discussed work that needs to be completed during the month of May: 66th Street blading (Supervisor Gondeck will get quotes); Supervisor Gondeck to get quotes for a new donor board; signs for speed limits will be installed by Supervisor Gondeck on 115th Street; Clerk Spence and Supervisor Gondeck meet and look into setting up a township park department/fund; Supervisor Erdmann start up the town hall yard sprinkler system.

Citizen's Issues:

- A. Bob Raveling reported a pothole on the east end of Shoestring Loop.
- B. John Olson said repairs need to be made to the road on the west side of the railroad crossing on 105th Street.
- C. Kim Roos asked the board to look into extending the tar on 115th Street off of Highway 10.

Chuck Ertl asked the board to consider a new two-year contract with an increase in the hourly rate from \$60 to \$62 per hour. The contract will be on the June agenda.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence