

## Watab Town Board Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Watab Town Board was held on November 1, 2016. Chairman Craig Gondeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present: Supervisor Gondeck, Supervisor Lloyd Erdmann, Supervisor Todd Waytashek, Treasurer Eileen Saldana, and Clerk Pat Spence. Audience members were: Maureen Graber, Donna and Del Rothstein, Kevin Reiter, Doug Harden, Jason Krueger, and Anna Saldana. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the agenda was approved through a motion by Gondeck second by Waytashek and passed. Minutes for the October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> were approved as written through a motion by Gondeck, second by Erdmann, and passed. Treasurer's Report was accepted through a motion by Gondeck, second by Erdmann, and passed with a \$472,435.66 balance in the checking accounts. Approval to pay the monthly bills and withdraw the necessary funds for claims 6196 through 6216 and electronic transfers totaling \$26,519.10 was given through a motion by Erdmann, second by Waytashek, and passed.

Citizens' Issues: Maureen Graber inquired if the sprinkler system is turned off; response was "yes." She requested that the stormwater pond be mowed in the spring, offered to meet with the resident on Burton Place to offer assistance with a rain garden to help alleviate runoff issues, asked about weed control in the township, suggested that it receive more of a budget item in 2017, and offered to assist with the budget process.

### Old Business:

- A. Supervisor Gondeck gave a report on the Sentence to Serve Crew's work during the past month and removal of dead pine trees at the town hall by Xcel Energy. Todd Waytashek volunteered time to remove the logs.
- B. Town Hall Maintenance: Schultz Soft Water came and put a new flushing system on the water system; this was board authorized.
- C. Johnson Road: the approach project is completed and paperwork has been sent to MNDOT; no payment has been received from KJohnson Construction.
- D. Frontage Road: Claudia Dumont of MNDOT has sent the township paperwork discussed at last month's meeting. Supervisor Gondeck was asked to meet with the new golf course owner about the T box that needs to be moved if a frontage road is built.
- E. 95<sup>th</sup> Street Project: Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am was set for the board to meet at the crossing for the diagnostic meeting on the Quiet Zone; DNR has signed off on the road project except for the township need to get a special use permit to enter their runaway and to provide proof of liability insurance by the contractor. The board reviewed the newest plans from the township engineer.
- F. Report on meeting with Township attorney: Supervisor Gondeck and Clerk Spence met with township attorney, Mike Couri, on the amendment to the emergency ordinance. The board decided to invite residents who have been concerned with bills, a representative of the mobile home court, and other interested citizens to give input on the ordinance and new fire contract with Rice. The board voted to hold the official

Public Hearing on the Amendment to Ordinance 3 and the new Subdivision Ordinance on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

- G. Building Permits: Supervisor Gondeck reported that Nancy Scott is not using metro rates for building permits, as has been rumored. There is no metro rate. Supervisor Erdmann asked the Clerk to invite Nancy to the December meeting to show how she sets the fee on an existing project in Watab.
- H. Lake Andrew: Wastewater system going in during November and December. Del Rothstein asked about Lake Andrew's timetable for the installation of the wastewater system and what type of system it is; it is anaerobic.

#### New Business:

- A. Grant for Outdoor Warning Siren: Benton Telephone has unused capitol credits; Frontline will recommend future, needed sites for the township. Supervisor Gondeck stated that Riverview Loop or Ferry Point are likely locations. The grant would cover 100% grant of the project. Supervisor Gondeck was authorized to contact Frontline.
- B. FEMA: Supervisor Gondeck reported that the grant application was submitted for 75% funding for the summer storm damage to the roads and cleanup of trees.
- C. Road Certification to Benton County: motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Waytashek, and passed to approve the Road Certification Report for 38.51 miles.
- D. Supervisor Gondeck said that residents have requested that the speed limit be reduced on County Road 13. He read his traffic report giving the reasons for the request that the town board would make to Benton County; then in turn, the county would submit the request for the speed study to MNDOT. The request for reduced speed limit to 35mph would be from Sucker Creek Road to Highway 10 due to density of housing in this segment. Supervisor Gondeck and Clerk Spence will prepared and submit the request to Benton County: motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed to do so.
- E. Striping roads: Supervisor Gondeck has heard that there are grants available for striping roads through the Federal Road Authority; he was asked to get further information.
- F. Funding for Clean Up Day: Supervisor Gondeck thanked the County Board today for the SCORE Grant. He said that with \$7,225, 500 of new building permits this year, it shows that keeping the township clean and attractive is a success. There was a great turnout and funding looks positive for next year.
- G. Set Up Committee to Work on the Next Fire Contract with Rice: Maureen Graber offered to serve. The board members will invite others who they know have an interest. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed to have the committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- H. Bi-Annual Recognition for Best Management Practices by a Contractor to prevent storwater pollution. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, seconded by Supervisor Waytashek, and passed to give the award to Marty Reker of Reker Construction and to spend up to \$100 for the award.

- I. MAT Annual Conference at River Center: The board authorized Clerk Spence, Supervisor Gondeck, and Supervisor Waytashek, to attend.
- J. Communications: Clerk reported on communications received during the month.
- K. Board Member Reports: Supervisor Erdmann had a call from Jason Zwilling about roadway issues. Clerk Spence and Supervisor Erdmann will review the GIS map to explain where 66<sup>th</sup> Street terminates on the east end. Supervisor Gondeck reported illegal dumping on 66<sup>th</sup> Street, asked about grading Al Boe's road, 66<sup>th</sup> Street, and the minimum maintenance road for under \$300 cost. Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Waytashek, and passed to have Rice Contracting to the work. Supervisor Gondeck reported on the Greater St. Cloud Development meeting and their many projects. Good paying jobs are coming in at \$24 per hour. Three local projects are also moving along. Clerk Spence reported on the Benton Economic Partnership meeting and thanked Commissioner Ed Popp for his leadership in getting it established and hiring an Executive Director. Supervisor Gondeck reported a call from a resident about the busted edge of a tar road; the board authorized him to talk to the property owner who did the damage to get payment for the repair. Supervisor Todd Waytashek had an inquiry about a property for sale on the east side of the Little Rock Lake. They feel the assessment is wrong; this was referred to Brian Koester.
- L. The work plan for November includes installation of additional culvert markers, land disturbance inspections, STS Crew trimming brush on a few intersections, installation of three signs, meetings to attend, work on the frontage road project, work with Jon Bogart on the road projects; and attend the MAT Annual Conference in St. Cloud.
- I. Citizen's Input: Maureen Graber was authorized to contact Chuck Feia on Burton Place about the rain garden installation. Jason Krueger had two things: he commended the board for having the STS Crew clean up Frost Road and asked questions about the Economic Development program for the county. Kevin Reiter asked if the board had new information about DNR lowering the river/lake. Maureen Graber informed him of the special LRLA meeting at town hall on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. where an update would be given. Jason Krueger said that people could submit multiple surveys on Survey Monkey, which could have influenced the outcome of the citizens' vote.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence