

Watab Township Supervisors' Meeting
August 7, 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

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 and guests Natasha Barber (Sauk Rapids Herald), Colleen Burton, Mike Burton, Roger Burton, Jeff Hanson, David Johnson, Ed Kacures, Jerry Kostreba, John Olson, Dick Raveling, Sandra Saldana, Karla Scapanski, Jessica Storkamp, Ray Thompson, Corey Verley, and Myron Wilson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried approving the meeting agenda as amended by adding consideration of approval of additional election judges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried approving meeting minutes of July 2, 2018, as printed and distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried accepting Treasurer O'Keefe's financial reports as presented. Currently, the township has a \$936,238.49 balance.

APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS AND WITHDRAW FUNDS

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried authorizing payment of \$350,641.54 in claims and withdrawal of funds for same.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Myron Wilson, candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives from 15B, offered information regarding his qualifications as an independent candidate for the position.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of 2018-2020 Snow/Ice Removal Quotes

The township had mailed out snow/ice removal quote packets to four local firms. Only one was submitted. A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried accepting the quote of \$56,680.00 per year for township roads (which excludes those roads not yet accepted by Watab Township) submitted by Marson Contractors, Incorporated.

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

Lake Andrew Home Address Change

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried granting the request of a Lake Andrew resident to change the address of his home, pending Benton County approval.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Lane Striping on 85th Street

Supervisor Gondeck will obtain quotes for striping approximately 2000 feet on an 85th Street intersection to provide more safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Emergency Services Appeal from Fire District I

It was the consensus of the Board that the treasurer negotiate with the party involved to accept a small monthly amount in resolution of the balance on Invoice #18071 – 225.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Change in MS4 Permit Procedures

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried authorizing on-site inspection before a MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permit is issued in accordance with newly adopted procedural revisions. Prior to this change, permits could be issued by mail.

Shoestring Loop Road Concerns

This matter will be addressed at the August 27 road maintenance planning meeting.

REPORTS TO AND FROM BOARD

Road Updates

Road Construction Manager Lloyd Erdmann reported on the following:

- A. Detrimental effects of heavy rainfall last week on the road construction projects
- B. 95th Street railway crossing
- C. Possibility of wear course application for both 85th and 95th Streets
- D. Thompson driveway approach
- E. 95th Street drainage

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried authorizing Mr. Erdmann to contact Knife River in regards to application of the wear course on 85th Street.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried to pursue obtaining a quiet zone at the railroad crossing on 95th Street.

A motion was made by Chairman Waytashek, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried authorizing the application of a wear course by Knife River on the entire length of 95th Street.

Construction Stormwater Inspection Checklists

Supervisors reviewed a comprehensive and favorable report from a July 30, 2018, inspection conducted by Wayne Cymbaluk.

REPORTS TO AND FROM BOARD (continued)

August 22 MAT 8th District Meeting in Pierz

Chairman Waytashek plans to participate.

August 27 Road Planning Meeting

Nick Anderson from Bogart, Pederson, and Associates will review seven to ten roads and provide information for discussion. Other concerns discussed included a quiet zone on 125th Street, 105th Street, and other railroad crossings.

Public Address System Update

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried authorizing the purchase of headsets to facilitate audience and Board dialogue.

Sentence-to-Serve Activities

Supervisor Gondeck reported the crew has been working on crack sealing and trimming and removing dead trees and brush.

City of Rice Appreciation Letter

A letter of appreciation for the township's participation in the Wellhead Protection Planning process has been received from the City of Rice.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL ELECTION JUDGES

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried approving the employment of Carolyn Garlock, Marlene Hunt, and Joyce Segler as primary election judges.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Comments were heard from the following:

- A. Jerry Kostreba - brush cutting
- B. Mike Burton – 105th Street patching
- C. Lloyd Erdmann – Pines Edge basin
- D. Karla Scapanski – Minnesota House of Representative 5B candidate
- E. Watab Clean-Up Day – Gondeck
- F. Right-of-Way digging without permits – Gondeck

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business appearing before the Board, a motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, and carried adjourning the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon L. Hull
Watab Township Clerk

Respectfully accepted,

Todd B. Waytashek
Watab Township Board Chairman

