

Watab Township Supervisors' Meeting
December 4, 2018

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

A regular monthly Watab Township 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 supervisors present were Craig Gondeck and Todd Waytashek. Supervisor Julie Johnson was absent. Others present included Clerk Jon Hull, Treasurer Deborah O'Keefe, Natasha Barber from the Sauk Rapids Herald; and guests Nicole Burski, Rick Burski, Mike Burton, Jerry Kostreba, Bill Lindner, Phillip Nelson, John Olson, Deb Poirier, Jack Polcher, Sandra Saldana, Jessica Storkamp, Ray Thompson, Paul Wippler, Jeff Wollak, Robin Wollak, and Steve Wollak.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Chairman Waytashek, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried amending the meeting agenda with the addition of Ferry Point road work and road standards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Chairman Waytashek, and carried approving minutes of November 13, 2018, as printed and distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer O'Keefe presented a monthly receipts report and a cash control report indicating a total of \$831,501.96 in Township accounts. A motion was made by Chairman Waytashek, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried accepting the reports with a note of gratitude to Treasurer O'Keefe for the fine job she is performing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Chairman Waytashek, and carried approving payment of monthly bills and withdrawal of funds for the same in the amount of \$39,851.09 in claims and \$3,596.25 for payroll.

CITIZENS' INPUT

Steve Wollak commented on the use of pick-up snow plows used by Marson Contractors to remove snow and ice from Township roads, and Paul Wippler raised a question about the increase in Township taxes when the school district, state, and county taxes all decreased. Supervisor Gondeck will explore the situation.

ACTION ITEMS

Notice of Filing for Watab Township Election

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Chairman Waytashek, and carried authorizing the following "Notice of Filing for Watab Township Election" be posted and published appropriately:

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Watab Township, Benton County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town offices will be held for a two-week period beginning Tuesday, January 1, 2019, and closing on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at five o'clock p.m.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Township Clerk by appointment between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. from January 1, 2019, through January 15, 2019. Please call 252.2239 or 240.2270 for an appointment. The filing fee is \$2.00 and must be paid at the time of filing.

Offices to be filled at the March 12, 2019, Annual Election are:

- Clerk for one year
- Treasurer for two years
- Supervisor for three years

Absentee voting can be accomplished at the Clerk's Office in the Watab Township Hall at 660 NW 75th Street, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, on Saturday, March 9, 2019, between the hours of ten o'clock a.m. and twelve o'clock noon.

2019 Levy Certification

A motion was made by Chairman Waytashek, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and carried certifying the following 2019 levy certification amounts:

01 REVENUE	\$100,000
01 FIRE FUND I	63,000
01 FIRE FUND II	57,000
02 ROAD AND BRIDGE	450,000
08 BUILDING	22,000
80 DEBT SERVICE FOR ROADS	<u>63,000</u>
TOTAL CERTIFIED LEVY	\$755,000

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Schedule for Local Boards of Review – 2019 Assessment

A tentative schedule for all local boards of review has been released by Benton County. Changes can be suggested until January 29, 2019.

Restructuring of Township Webpage

Chairman Waytashek will investigate costs of website builder software. Officials will continue to seek input from constituents as to what type of content would be of interest to them.

DISCUSSION TOPICS (continued)

MPCA Review of Rockwood Estates Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has completed a review of the State Disposal System (SDS) permit application from Rockwood Estates. The 28-page "DRAFT" review was provided. Public input will be considered until December 19, 2018.

Ten-Year Road Plan

It is hoped additional information (such as number of homes served; traffic usage and patterns; safety concerns; overlays; and input from constituents living on 85th Street NW and 15th Avenue) can be gleaned before this plan is put into effect.

Microphone System

It was noted by several audience members that the microphone system was not working properly.

Fire District I Fire/Medical/Rescue Calls

The topic was tabled at this time.

REPORTS TO AND FROM BOARD

Information was shared on the following:

- A. Ferry Point cul-de-sac repairs
- B. Quotes to be obtained for tree removal on Ideal Road
- C. Typographical errors on road standards engineer's report
- D. Tree removal on West Lake Road
- E. Preliminary website information for next month

CITIZENS' INPUT

Public comments were heard as follows:

- A. Mike Burton – Rice fire contract
- B. Ray Thompson – 95th Street improvement costs

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck to adjourn the meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

CITIZENS' INPUT (continued)

- C. Supervisor Gondeck reported on Ferry Point light posts and Town Hall usage during the holiday season.
- D. Jessica Storkamp commented on legality of supervisor's use of a bobcat on township roads.
- E. Jeff Wollak – garden hose

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business appearing before the Board, a motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Chairman Waytashek, and carried adjourning the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully accepted,

Jon L. Hull
Watab Township Clerk

Todd B. Waytashek
Watab Township Chairman