

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

The monthly board meeting of Watab Township was called to order at 7pm. Board Members present were: Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, Todd Waytashek, Deb O'Keefe. Absent: Nicole Burski. Public present: Jim Brownson, Erik _____, Sandy Saldana, Paul Wippler, Bob Raveling, Lloyd Erdman, Nick Anderson – Township Engineer, Superintendent Aaron Sinclair, Natasha Barber – Sauk Rapids Herald.

Those present offered allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Agenda – The agenda was approved with additions. Motion by Todd Waytashek, 2nd Steve Wollak. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- a. Sept 8th Regular Meeting
- b. Sept 18th – Burton Court Site meeting
- c. Sept 23rd – Special Meeting Oak Hill Liquor License Renewal
- d. Sept 23rd – Public Hearings: Quiet Crossing and Subdivision Ordinance/Developers Agreement

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Steve Wollak, 2nd by Julie Johnson, Abstain by Todd Waytashek.

ISD 47 Superintendent Aaron Sinclair – Pleasantview Referendum Presentation and results from community surveys.

Treasurer's Report – Falcon Checking \$21,851.78. Bremer Bank Money Market \$35,790.91 for a total of \$57,642.69 Falcon Money Market - \$284,516.10. for a total of \$342,158.79. Interest received of \$95.88 Falcon \$2.05 Bremer Received \$428.29 Fine Share. \$18,000 was transferred from Money Market to Checking to cover Claims. All Fire bills that were to be attached to property taxes have all been paid in full thus resulting in not having to file the assessment.

Check numbers voided for 2019 are as follows: 7199 7170 7171 7169 7168 7167 7166 7165 7164 7163 7162 7161 7160 7206 7229 7230.

Claims for October are \$48,459.14. No outstanding checks at this time. \$26707.36 will need to be transferred to pay claims. Motion made by Todd Waytashek, 2nd by Steve Wollak to approve the transfer. Motion carried.

Bills & Claims & Payroll – Discussion about Lloyd Erdman’s time. Mailboxes were marked as per Engineers requirements. Not installed by Lloyd Erdman. Motion made by Todd Waytashek to approve the bills and claims. 2nd by Steve Wollak. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-10 - November Meeting – Change of Date to Nov 12th due to ISD 47 Referendum. Motion made by Steve Wollak to approve the date change, 2nd by Todd Waytashek, Motion carried.

Road Report – Nick Anderson, Township Engineer. Final of 85th Street NW and Frost Road are complete. On 95th gravel was placed on south side and black dirt on north side of road and seeded. Northside was a paved shoulder. Gravel was placed only on lots without homes. Engineer prefers topsoil with a paved shoulder. Black dirt and seeding to done in spring of 2020. Retainage to be released in 2020.

Pirates Cove Roads: Nick Anderson – Engineer approves the wear course. Discussion about a stop sign inside the development. **Resolution 2019-9** Riverbend Court NW, Cove Road NW, Cove Court NW, Captains Drive NW, Captains Court NW & Captains Circle NW. These two roads will not be plowed until there is construction activity. There are bump outs that are visitor parking for twin homes. Jim Brownson stated he may change them to single family lots. Motion by Todd Waytashek, 2nd by Steve Wollak to accept the following roads as public roads. Motion carried.

Jolly Roger Place and 72nd Street NW & Cove Court NW from 1st Circle to 2nd Circle/Culdesac (Cove Court NW past first circle was a private road). These 3 roads will not be plowed until housing is built. Motion made by Todd Waytashek, 2nd by Steve Wollak to accept these 3 roads. Motion carried. Resolution to be prepared for November meeting for signatures.

Quiet Crossing – Nick Anderson, Township Engineer – Discussion was held over several options for cost savings & design to accommodate agricultural equipment for the quiet zone on 105th Street. Agricultural crossing with fold down delineators runs approximately \$22,500 plus engineering costs for roughly \$30,000. Wayside horns were reviewed but ultimately not desired. A field site diagnostic meeting to be scheduled with BNSF, Nick Anderson and Town board on site as required by BNSF to start the quiet zone process. Nick Anderson will coordinate. All meeting costs to be paid by the Township.

Stop Sign Damage – 15th and 105th – Steve Wollak informed the board that a driver for Rice Contracting hit and destroyed a stop sign. Steve will call Rice Contracting (Brian Erdman) to ask for payment for the destroyed sign.

Road Certification 2019 – Benton County – Julie Johnson, Chair prepared the 2019 road certification with changes to 5th Avenue correction of road length to 1.5 miles from 2.5

miles (incorrect). Motion made by Steve Wollak 2nd by Todd Waytashek to approve the road certification. Motion carried.

Fall Roads & ROW Cleanup

Sand on roadways, multiple locations – As supervisors are out in the township please clean up any sand piles and place in any divots. Several properties have boxes, boats, trailers in the Right of Ways. Township residents will receive letters to move before winter. Lakewood Shores Bid Form discussed. Trees and ROW to be located on a plat map for bidders. Letters to be sent to residents about clearing. Form to be revised and brought to November meeting for approval.

Sharon Place Survey Update – Documents have been sent to Mike Couri, Township Attorney. Meeting to be scheduled with Attorney, Town Board and Jay Wittstock, Benton County Surveyor for further review and approval.

Watab Cleanup Day – Julie Johnson report given. Expenses are all in. It was a very busy and full day. Little Rock Lake Association provided all the volunteers and worked very hard. 11.5 more tons of materials were collected from 2017. 41.5 tons of trash. 68.65 tons total including the recycling and tires. Every inch of space was utilized in all the trucks. Watab will make changes to what we will accept in 2020. Report given to Nicole Burski, Clerk to keep on file.

Subdivision Ordinance/Developers Agreement & Building Permit Rates – Work Session tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 21st at 730pm.

MS4 Annual Report – Not completed yet. Todd Waytashek to complete by end of this week. Copy to be sent to Nicole Burski, Clerk.

Marson Snowplowing Pirates Cove – Motion to accept bid for \$1300 for the season for the accepted road in Pirates Cove (not including Jolly Roger Road, 72nd Street NW and Cove Court after the 1st circle) if Marson has no change in price with change from Harbor Place to Riverbend Court NW. Motion by Steve Wollak, 2nd by Julie Johnson, Motion carried.

Ed Beck Letter – Benton County – Letter send to resident on 85th Street NE to remove excess unlicensed vehicles.

Town Hall Snowplowing to be discussed at special meeting on November 21st, 2019 tentative special meeting. Steve Wollak to obtain a 2nd bid.

Dilapidated properties letter – Julie Johnson to send letters to two landowners to repair, tear down and that active power to buildings is a fire hazard.

MPCA Update – A local resident called Julie Johnson to report a smell of urine and bubble smell in the creek by Hwy 10 that runs towards to the Mississippi River. Julie Johnson notified the MPCA to investigate. The MPCA did send people onsite to investigate to find the source and will follow up with the township.

Citizens Input – No issues.

Road Inspector Report – Supervisor Waytashek

Minor potholes to be repaired in the township by Steve Wollak and Todd Waytashek. Costs are expected to be less than \$500.

Building Maintenance Report – Supervisor Wollak

Outside faucet is fixed. Sprinklers will be blown out this week. Boy Scouts did the fall cleaning as a service project. The AED pads and battery need to be replaced.

Work List for October

1. Supervisor Johnson – BEP, BNSF Meeting, Langola Township, Town Hall Building Permit Fees.
2. Supervisor Wollak – BEP
3. Supervisor Waytashek – BEP

Adjournment – Motion by Todd Waytashek to adjourn. 2nd by Steve Wollak Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.