

WATAB TOWN BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 7, 2020 – 7:00 pm

The regular monthly Watab Township Supervisor’s Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johnson at 7:00 pm in the Watab Township Hall. Meeting was made available to residents via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Board supervisors present: Julie Johnson and Bill Little. Others present in the Town Hall included, Treasurer, Deborah O’Keefe, Clerk, Kathy Sauer, Jerry Kostreba, Sandra Saldana, Todd Waytashek, Lloyd Erdmann, Fred Segler, Ray Thompson, Paul Wippler, Nick Anderson, Nate Landwehr, Tania Landwehr, Sam Heinen, Dothan Aleshire, Roger Erdmann

Attending via Zoom: Steve Wollak, Supervisor, John Ulrick, Anna Hinkemeyer

2. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

No additions to the agenda

3. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Supervisor Little moved to approve the agenda; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – One motion for all items

- a. June 2, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes; no changes
- b. June 9, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Minutes; one amendment
- c. June 17, 2020, Lake Andrew Special Meeting Minutes; one amendment
- d. June 24, 2020, Road Construction Meeting Minutes; no changes

Supervisor Wollak moved to approve all minutes with amendments; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Falcon Checking	\$85,538.45
Bremer Money Market	<u>\$44,166.61</u>
	\$129,705.06
Road and Bridge Falcon Money Market	<u>\$255,282.94</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$384,988.00</u>
Property Tax (1 st half)	\$421,709.19
BCA Fines	391.63
Falcon Checking Interest	18.43
Bremer April Interest	4.95
Falcon Money Market Interest	83.67
Election Expense Reimbursement	3,423.76
Unknown Warrant Claim	12.30

Treasurer O’Keefe requested a resolution to move \$257.64 from the Building Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund. Tabled until next month.

Supervisor Wollak moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

6. APPROVE LIST OF BILLS, CLAIMS, AND PAYROLL

Supervisor Little moved to accept bills, claims, and payroll; Supervisor Johnson seconded; Supervisor Wollak abstained; motion carried.

7. 105TH STREET NW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – NICK ANDERSON, BOGARD & PEDERSON

Project is complete; mailboxes will be replaced when seeding is done. In the future, road clearing and striping should be included in bids.

No update from BNSF on the Quiet Zone; Nick will follow up.

Sucker Creek Road Bridge: Per Chris Byrd, should be able to get the bridge funded except for \$10,000; preferably to be completed 2023-2024. Road will be done at the same time.

8. ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN DISCUSSION

Pothole filling began today. There are additional areas that still need to be filled. Each truckload is 6 tons— one full truck was used today; another 5-6 tons will be needed.

Supervisor Wollak moved that we get 6 additional tons to finish the roads; Supervisor Little seconded; motion carried.

9. ROAD STRIPING DISCUSSION

One quote from “Sir Lines A Lot.” Quote for 4 roads base bid: \$6,270 with alternate paving markings on 105th Street NW for an additional \$520.

Nick recommended to have striping included in every road construction contract going forward. He also recommended waiting until next year because of the cost differential (.08 per lineal foot versus .80 per lineal foot). Price will be more negotiable next year when 105th Street NW is completed and other bids are being considered.

Nick will order a roll of temporary tape for line striping.

Issue was tabled until next month’s meeting.

10. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT – VARIOUS REQUESTS

a. Nate Landwehr/Cove 3rd Addition

Purchased lots in the Cove Development; petitioning county to change dimensions of lots south of the landing making them into 3 residential lots where restaurant was located, requiring a change in changing zoning from commercial to residential.

Supervisor Wollak expressed concern about losing commercial land on the river because of the high tax revenue it would bring should it ever reopen as a restaurant and adding that once the commercial designation is given up; it cannot be reversed.

Residents who have concerns should forward them to Roxanne Achman at the Department of Development. The county board will meet Thursday at 7:00.

The township board will send individual emails to Roxanne Achman with their input.

b. Rajkowski Sign Variance

Tim Rajkowski is requesting a 120 square foot sign for his storage units, Cornerstone Storage, that would be mounted on the building which is in an area zoned as agricultural, requiring approval.

Todd Waytashek asked if sign would be lit. If so, it could create a distracting reflection. Supervisor Johnson will check.

11. CLEAN-UP DAY REPORT – BILL LITTLE

Date pending. The new owners of Pine Cone are willing to host. The Rice Clean-up Day is scheduled for October 3; they are not accepting appliances.

12. DUMPSTER QUOTES

West Central	2 yd dumpster with a lock bar serviced once per month \$66.35/mo.—no other fees; every other week service would be \$73.69/mo.
Republic	Small Container \$61.91 plus fees, delivery; additional charges
Kraemer	6 yd dumpster on call: \$199.75 per dump: \$40.00/mo. to keep on site +10/mo. for cover

Supervisor Johnson will check with West Central to see if we can alternate monthly schedule between summer and winter to accommodate needs.

Tabled to August meeting.

13. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL POLL PADS

At the primary election the Township had two poll pads to use for voter registration and resident verification. To accommodate the upcoming elections, additional poll pads may be needed to accommodate the growing population of Watab Township. The cost for two additional poll pads would be \$250/year.

Because of the election fast approaching on August 11, notification to the County was time sensitive, therefore, a vote of the Township Supervisors was held via email to the Clerk. Supervisors Johnson and Wollak voted yes; Supervisor Little voted no. The County was notified that we will accept two additional poll pads.

14. CITIZEN’S INPUT – Time limit: 3 minutes

- **Jerry Kostreba—Covid grant for area townships was listed in the Herald, but not for Watab.**
Watab received \$81,900; not sure why it was missed.
- **Lloyd Erdmann—Potholes on Sucker Creek Road need filling over tracks.**
Will double check—they are not done yet filling potholes yet.
- **Todd Waytashek—Update on railroad crossing signs—Frost Road?**
Hard to schedule; we need permit and rail master present.

“Road Narrow” sign on Frost Road is completely covered.
Will have trees trimmed

Street Sweeping Payment—curbs and gutters in quote for sweeping?
Most streets look good.

Julie should spread out duties at meeting.

- **Bob Raveling—Shoestring Road has not been swept**

Yes, but pothole filling is needed. Julie will check.

There is a door-to-door salesman on Sucker Creek road with a warrant out for arrest.

- **Lloyd Erdmann—cannot see railroad tracks on Frost Road—blind spot.**

Yes, trees need to be cleared.

- **John Ulrick—candidate for 15B. introduced himself—other townships not as busy as we are. Expressed importance of primary elections. Will be campaigning next 2 weeks in the area.**

- **Ray Thompson—trees on 95th Street need to be trimmed.**

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Wollak seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sauer
Township Clerk

Julie Johnson, Board Chairperson

Date

Kathy Sauer, Clerk

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