

**Watab Town Board Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2006**

The regular monthly meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Craig Gondeck; he reminded everyone to not drink & drive over the upcoming holidays. All board members were present: Chair Gondeck, Supervisors Lloyd Erdmann & Brad McIntosh, Treasurer Eileen Saldana and Clerk Pat Spence. Those present in the audience were: Walter Jansen, Earl Harden, Ron Hommerding, Duane Popp, Douglas J. Boser, Ed Kacures, and Alex Langer. There were no additions or changes to the meeting agenda as posted.

On a motion by Supervisor Erdmann and second by Supervisor McIntosh the minutes to the November 14th, 21st and 22nd meetings were approved as printed. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Supervisor Erdmann and second by Chair Gondeck.

Alex Langer was present to request the vacation of an easement adjoining his property on Ferry Point. No action was taken so that the chair can check on details of the plat at the County Recorder's Office. Mr. Langer will be invited to a future meeting.

Jim Christenson appeared before the board to discuss his request to vacate Peace Rock Road. Chair Gondeck said that the Benton County records show that the plat was originally approved with the condition that the driveways come out to a public road. If Peace Rock Road is vacated, the driveways will come out to a private road. He believes that it is a bad precedent to make the road private now, when the plat would not have been approved if the road was private. He also stated that the taxpayers have invested in building and maintaining the road, and that others in the township might want to do the same with their township roads. Supervisor McIntosh thinks this a unique piece of property because there are only three property owners on it. He thinks that this road does nothing for the public, it does not benefit the public, and there is another stupid road going through a field that doesn't do anything that comes onto it. The Clerk reviewed the two different processes that can be used for road vacation in an urban township according to state statute. Mr. Christenson disagreed that a new petition would need to be presented to the board. Supervisor McIntosh made a motion that Mr. Christenson talk to our attorney about the process to be used; it was seconded by Supervisor Erdmann; and the motion passed with Supervisor Gondeck opposed.

Supervisor McIntosh made a motion to approve the Lake Andrew Developer Agreement and to authorize the Chair to sign it; motion was seconded by Chair Gondeck and passed. Duane Popp asked about the purpose of the berm at the front of the development. Supervisor Gondeck said it is to clean up the area in front, provide for tree planting, and to help maintain the ditch in the front.

Doug Boser was present to give an update on the new town hall construction. Due to the rain, the concrete will be poured the week after Christmas; framing started today. By next week, shingles will be placed. Supervisor Erdmann said that we are where we want to be. Chair Gondeck thanked Lloyd again for taking good care of the township during the

construction process and saving the township significant dollars. Doug Boser was also thanked by the board. The board members set a meeting for Monday, December 11th at 7pm to make the selections on interior and exterior colors.

Motion was made by Chair Gondeck and seconded by Supervisor Erdmann to approve all the bills for payment and to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw the necessary funds from the proper accounts for their payment. Motion passed.

The Clerk presented an accounting of income and expenses from January through November, and the board held a discussion on a proposed budget for 2007. The Clerk was asked to bring back a budget for further review at the next meeting with the numbers they discussed. On a motion by Supervisor Erdmann and second by Supervisor McIntosh, the Clerk and Treasurer were asked to transfer the Interest Fund income to the Building Fund. Motion passed.

There were no Supervisor Issues.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence, Clerk