

**WATAB TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022–8:15 pm**

The Watab Township Annual Meeting was called to order by Clerk Sauer at 8:15 pm.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Kathy Sauer, Clerk, Ray Thompson, Lloyd Erdmann, Jack and Renee Polcher, Jeff Wollak, Jeff and Julie Fandel, Robin Wollak, Geno Beniek, Jerry Kostreba, Paul Wippler, Todd Waytashek, Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, Ben Dolence, Sandra Saldana, Dothan Aleshire, Tim Thaemart, Wayne Larson, Del Shane, Jeremiah Minkel, Mike Opsahl, Jason Olmscheid, Andrew Omvig, Nate Rueter, Ellary Prentice, John Prelvitz, Bob Raveling, Kevin Reiter, Mike Barringer, Josh Wright, Neil Andruschke, John Olson

Attending via Zoom:

**2. ELECTION OF MODERATOR**

Paul Wippler nominated Jeff Wollak as moderator; Julie Fandel seconded; vote was unanimous.

**3. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Benton Economic Partnership Membership  
Lake Andrew Update

**4. APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Jeff Fandel moved to approve the agenda; Paul Wippler seconded; vote was unanimous.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Annual Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2021

Geno Bienek made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting minutes; Jerry Kostreba seconded; vote was unanimous.

**6. ANNUAL LEVY & BUDGET PRESENTATION—Julie Johnson, Chair**

- Audit for 2020 was conducted by Conway, Deuth, & Schmiesing. Several corrections and changes were suggested and implemented.

Due to the receipt of ARPA funds in 2021 (\$176,764.02 we may be required to conduct a Gap Audit in the future; however, because we have, to date, spent little of the funds, we are not required to audit FY2021. An additional \$176,764.02, is expected sometime later this year. Due to proposed road construction spending for 2022, we will most likely be required to conduct an audit in future years.

- Secured road reconstruction bond in the amount of \$3,394,955.73 for construction and repairs to: West Lake Road, West Lake Court, Ferry Point, Lakewood Shores, Sandbur, Shoestring, Sharon Place, Sucker Creek Road, Indian Road 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW
- CARCO is moving from Rice to Watab Township.
- Increase in Ag Market Credit
- Rentals for the Township Hall are up.
- Additional election for the primary will be held in August.



**11. ELECTION RESULTS**

Candidate 1: Steve Wollak 130

Write-ins

Todd Waytashek	14
Blank Ballot	1
Joe Schmo	1

Ballot Question: 110 yes votes; 33 no votes

**12. SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, 2023**

Paul Wippler made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting for 2023 on March 14; John Olson seconded; motion carried.

Paul Wippler moved that the Township Election be held March 14, 2023, from 12:00-8:00 pm; motion carried.

**13. ED POPP—COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Ed Popp was not able to attend the meeting.

**14. CITIZEN'S INPUT/CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

The only concerns expressed were with regard to Mayhew Township

**15. BEP VIDEO**

Viewed the promotional video put out by the Benton Economic Partnership

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Wippler moved to adjourn; seconded by Julie Fandel; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Kathy Sauer  
Township Clerk

---

Moderator