

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. **ROLL CALL**- Sue Roberts – Trustee, Hope Tarnaski – Treasurer, Jeff Randall – Supervisor, and Erin Berg – Clerk. Absent from the meeting was Beverly Ikola- Trustee. Also present as David Macomber, Blight Officer and three residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** –MOTION by Roberts, support by Randall to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Randall, support by Roberts to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** –None.
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**: - None.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
GRWA- The Supervisor informed the Board that the GRWA reported that the City of Wakefield will be raising their water rates by a small amount, but it will not affect the wholesale water rates and therefore will not be a factor in any other Municipality or Township that purchases water from the GRWA.

DPW – New DPW employee Zachary Morrison had his first day with the Township on Monday, December 12th.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A) **COMPLAINT – SAARI UPDATE** – There was nothing to report at this time other than the individual still owing on his water bill on which he wrote a check out of a closed account. The water at the residents remains shutoff. The Blight Officer presented a report to the Board regarding the actions being taken and the proactiveness being taken on blighted properties. Mr. Macomber informed the Board that out of the budgeted \$5,000.00, only \$1,008.00 was used towards his services. The Contract that the Township has with Mr. Macomber expired on September 30, 2022. Mr. Macomber asked the Board to consider continuing with the Blight services that he provides. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Roberts to authorize the required signatures and continue the use of Mr. Macombers services with the discretion of the Supervisor in regards to the wording of the Contract. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Supervisor informed the Board that he did submit an application for the available monies that was discussed at the previous Gogebic County Landbank meeting. The grant would allow the Township to get rid of the blighted properties that are owned by the Township.
 - B) **UNION CONTRACT – TENTATIVE AGREEMENT** – At the December 5th 2022 Union negotiations meeting, a tentative agreement was reached. A lengthy discussion was held on vacation time and what would be a better incentive for employment at the Township. MOTION by Roberts, support by Berg to give a 5% per hour wage increase effective January 1, 2023 and a 3% increase for the

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following two years; allow for a \$200 boot allowance, \$100 jacket allowance, and \$100 pant allowance per year; and authorize an increase in vacation time received as follows: 7 days after the 1st year of employment, 10 days from the 2nd – 4th year, 15 days from the 5th – 10th year, and an additional 1 day from year 11 through the end of employment. Motion carried by roll call vote.

C) POST OFFICE – There was nothing to report at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

11. TREASURER'S REPORT – The balances in each of the accounts were given by the Treasurer.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16003 - 16018	\$10,232.99
Water Fund	#	\$
Anvil Sewer	# 1384	\$125.76
Ramsay Sewer	#	\$
West End Sewer	#	\$
Blackjack Water	#	\$

MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Randall to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS- None

14. ADJOURNMENT – MOTION by Roberts supported by Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk

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