

Wayland Township Board Meeting Minutes held at 6:30 p.m. – June 7, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor VanVolkinburg.

Roll Call: VanVolkinburg, McInerney, Kamyszek, Stein & Miner

Approval of Minutes from May 3, board meeting and special meeting from May 13 was motioned by Trustee Miner with support from Treasurer Kamyszek. All yes, motion carried.

Approval of agenda with changes was made; by Miner with support from Trustee Stein. All yes, motion carried.

Audience – Pat Velie on behalf of the Selkirk Lake Improvement Association regarding the EGLE May 19, letter discussing wetland fill, and impacted wetlands. Michael Jones also commented. Following discussion, the township will send an email/letter to Jason Coombs, EGLE.

*Ron DeVries asked about the violation(s) at the Pomranka mine driveway not being finished. Roger will contact PCI and have it inspected.

County Commissioner Report – Rick Cain off with surgery. Off Road Ordinance Zoom meeting on 6/10 information from last month. Wayland Township is still looking to Opt Out as are other townships, specifically Laketown.

Planning Commission Report – Matt Miner reported on the May 12, meeting:

*VanNoortwick driveway request was approved and a special meeting of the board was held on May 13. Board approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

*Messer withdrew his application and McInerney will send a check when all the invoices are received.

*T&M Partners SUP request for a private road next to the Township Hall for the RV Park was recommended with a 5-2 vote. New business below for discussion.

*Miner met with Senator Aric Nesbitt to show him the Knight digging operation @ 3365 5th Street. Nesbitt had voted yes to have EGLE make mining decisions as opposed to the local jurisdictions. Miner also showed Nesbitt the Pomranka mine.

*Miner contacted Representative Steve Johnson as the vote is now with the House.

*There will be no June meeting as nothing is scheduled to be reviewed.

Sheriff Deputy Report – April had 60 incidents and May had 100. No deputy in attendance.

Cemetery Report- Micah Kuhtic, Cemetery Supervisor shared that Memorial Day preparation went well and many foundations were completed. Flags were out for veterans and the Memorial Day parade was again held and stopped by the Township Cemeteries. A thank you letter was received and Kamyszek and McInerney both mentioned how well the cemeteries looked in preparation for the holiday. There were 8-12 funerals throughout April and May.

WAEMS Report- Sue Kamyszek attended the May 12, meeting. Discussed money being saved for ambulances, grants applied for and that the Township had 35 calls in March and 31 in April. Discussed collection fees from self-pay and Kamyszek will get back to verify numbers. The next meeting will be held on July 14.

Unfinished Business – PCI invoice was discussed – Warner-Knight situation with warrant, etc. Discussed that is now at the County level as it is an irrigation pond.

*New antivirus was installed.

*1180 128th Avenue red pole barn removed – Steve & Jacqueline Hordyke completed the project

*Chart of Accounts Project – BSA/State of Michigan – Kamyszek/McInerney will continue in August
*American Rescue Plan – discussed ideas other than Internet and roads. Repaving or adding on to parking lot at hall and updating sign to better accommodate multiple messages, Zoom meetings and ease of use.

New Business - *T&M Partners SUP request (as discussed above) no one from T&M in attendance and need additional information. VanVolkinburg motioned to table until July, Miner provided support and will contact T&M for additional paperwork and meeting attendance.

*EGLE Violation received (as discussed by Pat Velie earlier). Email/Letter will be sent as discussed.

*Annual Audit with Walker Fluke & Sheldon. McInerney/Kamyszek to meet with Sheldon June 9.

*Special Meeting Policy – McInerney presented a Special Meeting Requests-Fee Policy. Policy was discussed and Kamyszek made a motion with support from Miner to initiate this policy effective June 7, 2021. All yes, motion carried.

Approval and Review of bills – Bill packet was discussed along with additional bills and the MTA Dues Invoice. Following discussion Stein made a motion to pay the bills with support from Miner. Roll Call all yes, motion carried.

Communication - Resource Recovery Recycling 2020 Annual Report was emailed to board on 6/2.

*Gary Marsh, Resident on Henika District Library board wishes to continue for another term representing Wayland Township. Beginning June 30/July 1, 2021.

*Charter/Spectrum Franchise – new prices and new package changes

Board Comments – Miner discussed his meeting with Senator Nesbitt and that he is meeting with Representative Johnson. He appreciated Nesbitt listening and understanding of the mining operations locally and also the need for Internet.

*Stein discussed the Internet need and how TrueStream is coming soon. They had contacted him as a resident regarding coming to the area soon and came to his residence to draw out his property for future install.

*McInerney encouraged anyone in the audience to fill out a TrueStream request if they have not yet done so.

*VanVolkinburg – wanted those in the audience who were concerned with the 3365 5th Street mine/pond situation to know he understood their frustration.

*Kamyszek – nothing.

VanVolkinburg made a motion to adjourn with support from Kamyszek & Miner. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Ann McInerney, Clerk
Wayland Township