

Watertown Charter Township

12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge MI 48837 | (517) 626-6593

July 20, 2020 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The electronic meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor John Maahs with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor John Maahs, Clerk Deborah Adams, Treasurer Janice Thelen, Trustee Chad Cooley, Trustee Todd Hufnagel, and Trustee Ron Overton.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Holly Madill, absent with notice.

STAFF PRESENT: Township Manager Jennifer Tubbs and Planning Director Andrea Polverento.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Biergans, candidate for Watertown Charter Township treasurer, introduced herself.

Phil Hanses, Clinton County Drain Commissioner, introduced himself and announced that he is running for drain commissioner again.

Ken Mitchell, Clinton County Commissioner, made his monthly report to the Board

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Trustee Cooley, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Hufnagel, Overton, Thelen, Cooley, Adams, Maahs

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion by Trustee Cooley, seconded by Trustee Hufnagel, to approve the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Maahs, Overton, Hufnagel, Cooley, Adams, Thelen

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. June 15, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Trustee Hufnagel, seconded by Trustee Cooley, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2020, as presented.

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A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Hufnagel, Maahs, Adams, Overton, Cooley, Thelen,

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Supervisor Maahs noted that an additional bill list had been emailed to board members that afternoon.

Motion by Clerk Adams, seconded by Treasurer Thelen, approve the bill lists dated July 20, 2020, as presented.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Adams, Cooley, Hufnagel, Maahs, Thelen, Overton

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – Robert Walling

Motion by Clerk Adams, seconded by Trustee Hufnagel, to waive board policy 2.1 and appoint Robert Walling to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending June 9, 2023.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Overton, Maahs, Hufnagel, Cooley, Adams, Thelen

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

2. Road Contracts

Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Trustee Overton, to approve road contract number 489.015.159030 for the mill and fill of Industrial Parkway at a cost of \$97,446.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Hufnagel, Thelen, Maahs, Adams, Cooley, Overton

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

3. Fire and Emergency Services Committee Recommendation

Motion by Clerk Adams, seconded by Treasurer Thelen, to approve the fire millage ballot language for the November 3, 2020, general election as presented.

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A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Thelen, Cooley, Overton, Hufnagel, Adams, Maahs

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Adams, seconded by Trustee Overton, to approve the letter of explanation from the township board regarding the millage proposal.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Cooley, Maahs, Overton, Thelen, Adams, Hufnagel

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

4. Election Inspector Pay

Motion by Trustee Hufnagel, seconded by Trustee Overton, that the wages for election inspectors be increased to \$15.00 per hour, and the wages for election chairs be increased to \$17.00 per hour, effective immediately.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Hufnagel, Adams, Overton, Thelen, Cooley, Maahs

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

5. 2020 Tax Rate Request L-4029

Motion by Clerk Adams, seconded by Treasurer Thelen, to adopt the 2020 Tax Rate Request for Watertown Charter Township in the amount of 4.4199 mills.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Overton, Thelen, Cooley, Maahs, Hufnagel, Adams

No: None

Absent: Madill

Motion carried.

6. Endorsement

No action taken.

7. Campaign Finance Act

No action taken.

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8. 2019 Township Audit

Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Trustee Hufnagel, to receive and place on file the 2019 Watertown Charter Township Audit.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Cooley, Hufnagel, Overton, Maahs, Adams, Thelen

No: None

Absent: Madill

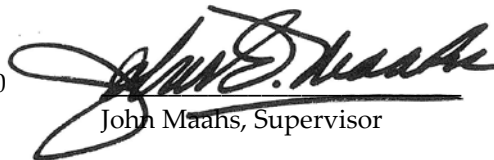
Motion carried.

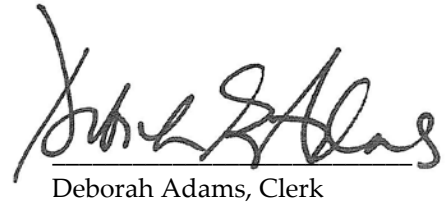
DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trustee Hufnagel asked if any progress had been made to switch the racquetball courts over to pickleball courts, and was told that it had been difficult to locate a contractor to redraw the lines on the court, but that it was on the list to accomplish. Trustee Hufnagel asked how recycling had been going, and was informed that the recycling center was very busy and that most people were placing items in the appropriate bins.

ADJOURNMENT: The electronic meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM

Date approved: August 17, 2020


John Maahs, Supervisor


Deborah Adams, Clerk