

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Gatlin. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Treasurer Munn and Trustee Thole. Clerk Fritz and Trustee Bennett were absent.

Treasurer Munn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Thole supported. Voice vote; passed. Trustee Thole made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Supervisor Gatlin supported. Voice vote; passed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Judy Struble said that gunshots were heard in the house across the road from her on Friday. The sheriff showed up on Saturday to investigate. The officer was not informed that the resident has PTSD and may be violent or shoot at the officer. Judy wanted to know why the officer was not told of the situation when this person has been reported in the past.

The culvert on UV Ave west of 47th was brought up as it is in need of replacement. Supervisor Gatlin will be sure the road commission knows repair is needed.

Trash from the Weeks property is blowing into neighboring yards from their overflowing dumpster. It was suggested to contact BestWay to see if they will remove it permanently even though the service hasn't been paid for.

We do not know when the Masonic Temple will come down. We are still waiting for asbestos results.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The Boy scouts and 4H group cleaned both cemeteries again this year. Deb Brockway said a tree fell from the cemetery and is hung up in her Catalpa and pine trees and she needs help clearing it out before the parade.

ROAD COMMITTEE: The road committee had a meeting with KCRC and took a tour of the local roads in Wakeshma to see the conditions throughout the area. Supervisor Gatlin also stated that the township won another award for the road millage that the road committee put together through the use of the asset management to align the right roads with the right fix. Supervisor Gatlin will be attending the Transportation Asset Management Council Conference the week of May 20th in Gaylord, Michigan. He will be accepting the award for the Road Committee and the Township; the award will be presented on May 22rd.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received an invitation from the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club. The KBC is trying to raise funds and get policy changes to further advance their non-motorized agenda within Kalamazoo County. The KBC wants to see bicycle commuter routes on W Ave as well as 42nd St within the township. Currently the KBC expects the townships to pay for the signage with RCKC paying for the additional lanes using funds slated for road construction with no contributions from non-motorized users. RCKC has spent over six and a half million dollars already for non-motorized projects over the last ten years, they are state mandated to spend 1% on non-motorized projects.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT: None.

SHERIFF DEPT UPDATE: None.

FIRE AUTHORITY: None

BOARD COMMENTS: Supervisor Gatlin wanted a big thank you to be relayed to the Boy Scouts for the cleanup at the cemeteries.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm by Supervisor Gatlin.