

**Waucesha Township  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor C Adams at 7:20. The pledge of allegiance was cited and the agenda was read. In attendance were Chuck Adams, Jacalyn Menghini, Lori Turri, Ted Testolin and Rick Smaniotti.

Time of adjournment was set for 9:30 by T Testolin supported by J Menghini.

Debate time limit set for one minute by T Testolin supported by R Smaniotti.

Adopt agenda with addition of item 22(a) Dickinson County Resolution 2014-2 moved by T Testolin supported by J Menghini

Citizen's time: None

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed..moved to accept by J Menghini supported by T Testolin.

Current bills were read totaling \$ 3,599.50. Motion to pay bills by J Menghini supported by T Testolin

ADJOURN FOR BUDGET HEARING – motion by J Menghini supported by T Testolin

Review proposed budget for 2014 – 2015 fiscal. All line items were read aloud. Motion to accept by J Menghini supported by L Turri. All “ayes” in agreement.

Amend budget for 2013 – 2014 fiscal. All revenue items deficient of budgeted income were read and all expenses in excess of budget were read. All items had proposed adjustments presented. Motion to accept proposed changes to budgeted income and expense for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal made by T Testolin; supported by R Smaniotti. All “ayes” in agreement.

Motion to adoption of 2014 – 2015 fiscal budget made by J Menghini supported by T Testolin. Roll call approved unanimous.

Banking facilities: motion to accept FNB Norway, UP State Bank and Wells Fargo as primary banking facilities. Motion to include any other banking institutions if circumstances change that would enhance Waucesha Township's financial position. Roll call approved unanimously.

Township attorney: motion to appoint Grant Carlson as township attorney with a \$750 retainer made by T Testolin; supported by R Smaniotti. Fees incurred after retainer is utilized are \$ 125 / hour plus expenses. All “ayes” in agreement.

Township accountant: motion to appoint Fittante & Colenso CPA’s as township accountant made by J Menghini; supported by T Testolin. All “ayes” in agreement.

Township assessor: motion to appoint James Waisanen as township assessor made by R Smaniotti; supported by J Menghini at a base price of \$ 973 per month plus \$ 60 per month for fire sign installation. All “ayes” in agreement.

Regular meetings: motion by T Testolin to keep the current time; place & date of regular scheduled meetings ( 7:00pm Waucedah Town Hall, second Monday of the month ); supported by R Smaniotti. All “ayes” in agreement.

Lawn care: motion to hire Chuck Adams for maintaining the lawn at the township hall and at the township cemetery for a cost of \$ 20 per cut made by T Testolin; supported by J Menghini. All “ayes” in agreement.

Cleaning: motion to hire Lisa Schultz for monthly cleaning of the township hall at a price of \$ 50 per month made by T Testolin; supported by R Smaniotti. All “ayes” in agreement.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING – motion to resume regular meeting by L Turri supported by J Menghini. All “ayes” in agreement.

SUPERVISOR:

- a). DNR grant was electronically submitted by Cuppad
- b). Board of Review ad – a portion is to be paid by Dickinson County  
- unsure if a refund will be issued.
- c). Change in assessing property – if a home is destroyed by an act of nature (casualty) the new replacement is taxed at the existing value before casualty ( no increase )
- d) Evaluated potential summer road projects.- Alfredson Rd & Lake Mary Rd need to be addressed

CLERK:

- a). Breakfast scheduled on April 16<sup>th</sup> with Ed McBroom & Sec of State Ruth Johnson in Escanaba. This is for township clerks. Plan on attending
- b). Will pick up an election petition for the fall election. Petition is due no later than April 22. Because of appointment, clerk position must be on fall election.

TREASURER:

- a). Will start pricing new computer, printer, etc in anticipation of switching tax software which would allow us to print our own tax bills saving approx \$ 3000 / yr

TRUSTEE's:

- a). T Testolin attended road commission meeting – discussed abandonment of property. Looking for clarification.
- b). Road commission – started the bid process for repaving Co Rd 569

CONSTABLE's:

- a). nothing to report

AMBULANCE REP:

- a). keypad lock for firehall – PIN application form ready
- b). opening membership outside of the area – 20 mile radius by statute
- c). forgiveness of call for immediate members – did not pass

Set spring clean up date for Friday May 16 & Saturday May 17, 2014. Open to all residents of Waucedah Township. Motion to post dates made by R Smaniotti supported by L Turri. All “ayes” in agreement.

GIS System: Norway contract amended for Breitung Township joining the GIS “family”. This contract saves Waucedah Township \$ 500 the first year. Clause added that if a County sponsored system would become available, this contract will become null and void. Motion to sign revised contract made by L Turri supported by R Smaniotti. All “ayes” in agreement.

Dickinson County Commission Resolution 2014-2 – motion to adopt solid waste plan amendment to allow access for construction material to be dumped on the Michigan side of the former Niagara Mill made by L Turri supported by R Smaniotti. All “ayes” in agreement.

Citizens time: Barb Bedard is requesting on behalf of Mark Gregg the use of the baseball field for practice & games. Also requesting the presence of a port-a-potty for player and spectator use.

Board privilege: investigate the possibility of joining forces with Meyer Township or Faithhorn Township for fire protection. The cost for the City of Norway to provide fire protection is excessive. The township is being charged for pension, fire hydrants, etc which are items that should not be absorbed by our community.

Adjournment at 9:00 by T Testolin supported by J Menghini.

Respectfully,  
Lori Turri, clerk