

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Gatlin. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Clerk Fritz, Treasurer Munn and Trustee Thole. Trustee Bennett was absent. Five citizens were also present, as was Chief McMillan. Chris Hamilton from SCMCCI arrived late.

Treasurer Munn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Clerk Fritz supported. Voice vote; passed. Clerk Fritz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer Munn supported. Voice vote; passed.

Citizens' Comments: Deb Homan requested \$50 for the Memorial Day parade. Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to approve. Clerk Fritz supported. Voice vote; passed.

New Business: Resolution to go for a grant to purchase a new voting machine. Roll call vote: Thole: Yes. Gatlin: Yes. Munn: Yes. Fritz: Yes. Bennett absent. Resolution approved.

Supervisor Gatlin brought up the bill for the monthly recycling bin. April's bill was \$1133 for one weekend for a 30 yard dumpster. He will be looking to get quotes from other services including Knight, Best Way and Waste Management. He has a call in to Republic to see if we can get the billing amount lowered in the future and is awaiting a response. Household Hazardous waste report showed the use of HHW dump by township residents is low at this time.

Community day at the south cemetery was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped! 12 kids from Leonidas 4H volunteered along with a handful of hardworking citizens. Looking for date to work on the north cemetery. We pay put a date in the winter newsletter for next year's cleanup.

Fire Authority Update: Supervisor Gatlin stated that it does not look promising for SCEMS. No entity wanted to put money toward a private entity. Chief McMillan stated that if South County goes away, other ambulance services may move closer to us and response time could improve, however at this time there will not be a big difference in response times. Chief McMillan also stated that as a citizen, you have a right to choose what ambulance service you want if you are capable when calling 911. He also stated that other departments have been contacting him about the Memorial Day parade.

Supervisor Gatlin wanted to make a resolution to request proposals (RFP) from other EMS companies. Roll call vote: Munn: Yes. Fritz: Yes. Thole: Yes. Gatlin: Yes. Bennett absent. Resolution passes.

911 vote is on May 2nd ballot. FCC is mandating that all dispatch goes digital within 2 years.

Trustee Thole stated that the SCMCCI meeting in April was cancelled.

Chris Hamilton arrived to give updates on some properties. The hotel was foreclosed on, but they are moving stuff back in despite the structural insecurities. Both white buildings owned by Rhoades are very bad. We are waiting for assessment to be carried out to see where to go from here. No update on V Avenue property, but it looks better. Leslie Farms had to move their driveway for the reception barn. Sparks/Weeks have no potable water or appropriate heat source. Hotchkiss put up wooden structure at the back of their house with plastic for roof and walls with a wood stove. Structure has to come down and woodstove cannot be used. No potable water at this residence either. Roxanne is sending a letter to the owners of windowless house on 42nd St. We are trying to focus on cleaning up the town at this time.

Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Munn supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.