

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP MINUTES
22295 FROSTVIEW ROAD COLD SPRING MINNESOTA
FIFTH MONDAY MEETING AUGUST 29, 2016 8:00PM

Wakefield Township Clerk, Heidi Stalboerger, called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm and the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees present: Heidi Stalboerger, Shawn Garding, Katy Kirchner, Tesa Tomaschett, Sheldon Lang, Cyril Erkens, Nadine Schnettler, Lynn Schurman, Brigid Murphy, Fran Ramler, Ken Gertken, Duane Willenbring, Michelle Fischbach and Jeff Howe.

Senator Michelle Fischbach and House Representative Jeff Howe gave an update of the past session. Another year went by without a Bonding Bill. Fischbach highlighted some of the items in the bill, such as transportation that could have positively affected small cities and townships. Fischbach also highlighted items in the Omnibus Spending Bill, such as broad band coverage and healthcare; as well as the Judicial Bill, which included a piece that would allow departments to set their own policies regarding Law Enforcement Body Cams.

Howe reviewed a bill that he sponsored to increase mileage for Jury Duty from \$.27/mile to \$.54/mile and from \$10/day to \$20/day. Howe reviewed discussion regarding Real ID, which would require a dual tracking system, versus enhanced Driver's License, Granny Pods and standards relating to Killed in the Line of Duty benefits for Veterans, Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters.

Municipality Updates:

-Cold Spring-The City is in the process of purchasing property for a new municipal well. There will be construction of a new "55 and Older" Apartment Building along the Sauk River. Brigid Murphy reviewed the road construction. The round-about will be opening on August 31, 2016 and the Red River construction project will be complete in approximately six weeks.

-ISD #750-A permanent base has been built for the carpentry house to be built on for ease of relocation after construction. ROCORI enrollment continues to increase. ROCORI has 20 more students that the budget allows. The parking lot will be repaved before school starts and a discussion took place regarding on street parking. Contract negotiations are complete except for Para Professionals.

-Richmond-Tesa Tomaschett is the new Administrator. She reviewed the positions up for (re)election this November. Sheldon Lang from the Richmond EDA highlighted the new Blue Bike Program located on the ROCORI Trail Richmond Pavilion (across from the River Lakes Arena). There will be 12 bikes available to be checked out, free of charge.

-Wakefield Township-The new campus is complete. The Township plans to possibly add a Salt Sand Storage Shed. The Township plans reconstruct Island Lake Road in 2017. The SunShare Solar Farm construction will begin within one month.

-Rockville-A review was given of the upcoming election candidates. Laudenbach RV Refurbishing will be building on the site that is being cleared just east of the Fire Hall. Stickney Hill Dairy will be in operation soon and will have a sales room. The Veterans Memorial Monument will be dedicated on September 11, 2016 at 1:00 pm with a fly over at 12:55 pm. The ROCORI Trail construction plan will be entering phase 2 from the Shell Gas Station to Mill Creek in Rockville.

The group discussed meeting semi-annually. The next meeting will be held at the City of Cold Spring on January 30, 2017.

The meeting adjourned 10:09.

Date Approved: _____

Respectfully submitted,

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

Heidi M. Stalboerger, Clerk

Cyril Erkens, Chairman

Amendments: _____