

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Wakefield Municipal Building with Mayor Granato presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, Mann, Tarro, and Granato

CALL Absent: Anderson
Also Present: Richard Brackney and approximately 11 guests

CONSENT AGENDA a) February 11, 2019 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) Gogebic County Sheriff Department end of the Year Report. Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS a) Main Lift Station- The new pump is in place. We are currently having an electrical issue and Lindquist Electric is looking into it. No action was taken.

b) Master Plan- No further information available at this time. No action was taken.

c) Recreation Plan- The surveys that were handed out at the school have been returned and reviewed. No action was taken.

d) Capital Improvement Plan- No further information available at this time. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS a) January (final) and February (partial) Invoices- Tarro moved, Wiita a seconded, to accept the invoices as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Act 51/Resolution #2019-249- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council adopt Act 51/Resolution number #2019-249, a resolution appointing Robert A Brown Jr. as Street Administrator for the City of Wakefield. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Designating Robert A. Brown Jr. as the City Manager/Resolution #2019-250- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that

the Council adopt Resolution #2019-250/Designating Robert A. Brown Jr. as the City Manager. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) City Manager- Wiita moved, Mann seconded, that Richard Brackney the current City Managers last day in the office will be Monday, February 25, 2019, with Robert A Brown Jr. taking the position of City Manager on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. The benefit package for Richard Brackney will be active until the end of his contract May 24, 2019 and will be paid out at that time. He will receive regular paychecks bi-weekly until May 24, 2019. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes, except Tarro who voted no by roll call vote.

e) Michigan State University- After a brief discussion, Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council allow the City Manager to sign the Local Partner Compliance Certificate between the City of Wakefield and MSU. Motion CARRIED.

f) New Road Grant Funding- This will be discussed during a work session.

g) Qualified Voter File's Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Laptop and Accessories- the State of Michigan is requiring the use of the Electric Pole Book during elections. The grant is funded through the State with Federal funds. The City of Wakefield will receive one laptop, one encrypted 1 gigabyte USB flash drive, one mouse, and one magnetic strip card reader. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to participate in the grant. Motion CARRIED.

h) Manager Report- 1) the question of the New Loader has not been resolved at this time. Further discussions are underway that will include Mike Sibley, the Mayor and myself. Further information will be developed; 2) I attended Miss Digg training in Watersmeet. This was a refresher on requirements for Miss Dig that are part of Michigan's Laws; 3) Snow is being removed as weather permits. At this time the Sno-Go machine is down due to a broken part. The part has been ordered and shipped. The machine will be repaired and placed back in service; 4) the frost level on Friday, February 22, 2019 was at 53 inches. Let runs and other efforts to keep City water lines working are continuing; 5) a water leak was repaired in a line that feeds the Verona area. The leak was on a 6 inch line. It was located in a field so no street repairs were necessary; 6) I attended a MDOT meeting in Bessemer that focused on the mechanics of the reconstruction of the Bessemer US2 corridor. While these issues do not directly impact Wakefield, we will be involved in similar discussions in the near future with the US2 corridor in Wakefield.

OATH OF
OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to City Manager,
Robert A. Brown Jr.

ADJOURN
MENT

Tarro moved, Mann seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the
meeting adjourn at 5:53 P.M.

Approved: 3/11/19

John Granato, Mayor

Susan Ahonen

Susan Ahonen, City Clerk