

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Bartolotta, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Jeff Gilbert, Trustee
Sam Harris, Trustee
Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee
Gary Wall, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief Nye	Elaine Best	Kevin Lynch
Robin Chernuta	Ann Brzezinski	Joellen Shortley
Bill Best	Paula Moore	Scott Sintowski

Emotional Support Animals

Joellen Shortley, Attorney, provided an update and explained the proposed process for allowing an emotional support animal. The procedure includes a uniform set of rules and forms that all Waterford residents will have to complete if they want to receive approval for an emotional support animal. Trustee Harris said, we need to accommodate Veterans who have PTSD and rely on these emotional support animals. All Board members agreed to move forward with Joellen's proposed uniform set of rules and forms.

Neighborhood Road Funding

Scott Sintowski, Road Commission, helped explain how some of the funds get used for county roads. Waterford currently leads the County with the most complaints to the RCOC. Scott said there are 700-plus miles of subdivision roads to maintain, and the RCOC prioritizes primary roads over subdivision roads.

The RCOC uses PA246 for their road program and guarantees these roads for 15 years, and handles most of the process once they have 51% of the residents agreeing to the SAD. The residents are required to obtain signatures. Payments are spread out over 10 years.

Residents can get a permit from the RCOC if they choose to re-do their own road, and the RCOC waives all permit and inspection costs.

Trustee Harris said that Independence Township supports PA188 and that Waterford should too.

Supervisor Bartolotta asked if the RCOC knows the percentage of roads in Waterford that would not qualify for mill and cap work and would be a complete tear-out and re-do, and Scott said that a complete study would have to be done to provide that information.

Trustee Harris asked about square cut, and Scott said they are looking at all new technology all the time.

Scott also explained and showed examples of residents filling in the ditches, which causes drainage problems for the roads. When there are drainage problems, roads will deteriorate faster.

Data Centers

Jeff Polkowski explained that data centers can use different-sized parcels of property, and there is currently one operating in Royal Oak. Trustee Gilbert was concerned about data centers using mini nuclear reactors to power them, and Jeff P. was also concerned about electrical usage and water usage. Jeff P. asked the trustees if they agreed to issue an ordinance with a six-month moratorium on data centers. All trustees agreed with the six-month moratorium, and Jeff P. said he plans to have it in March.

Watkins Lake Improvement Board (LIB)

Paula Moore, Assessor, explained there would be a 1% fee to accommodate the one-time fee to all Watkins Lake homeowners. Trustee Hauswirth was good with the fee. Each lake front owner would be charged approximately \$608.00 once to cover their new harvester cost of \$174,700. They want to get this going now because their current harvester is 30 years old and requires a lot of maintenance. Clerk Markee said she did not care if we charged them anything since we want them to take care of their lake to maintain their property values. She also said Joellen should tell us if we can include this one-time assessment in the July 1, 2026, tax bill.

CAI Rec Center

Supervisor Bartolotta said he wants to use Andy Dirks to list the CAI building for \$1.0 million for a 2.5% fee. He plans to bring it to the Board soon for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.