

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 16, 2022

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. Present were Donald Sahloff, Tim Hill, Bernice Heidelberg, Angela Christensen, Walter Ruhl, and Township Attorney, Alex Drescher. There were also 8 guests, along with 6 guests attending via zoom.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda of August 16, 2022 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Check Registers:** Motion to approve the August 16, 2022 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$222,435.18 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the August 16, 2022 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$32,430.32 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion to approve the August 16, 2022 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

**Transfers of Monies:** Motion to approve the following transfers of monies from their respective funds to the Capital Outlay Fund or Debit Service Fund: \$12,959.80 from 206 Fire Fund to 401 Capital Outlay Fund, \$90,143.00 from 201 Road Fund to 301 Debit Service Fund, \$50,000.00 from 101 General Fund to 401 Capital Outlay Fund made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Township Insurance Coverage:** After lengthy discussion, motion to approve renewing township insurance coverage with Ted Hartleb Insurance Company at an annual cost of \$53,886 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, no, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-1.

**Ordinance No. 76: Moratorium On Shooting Ranges:** Motion to approve Ordinance No. 76, Moratorium On Shooting Ranges on private gun ranges on commercial property made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**ARPA Federal Grant Monies:** Motion to approve use of ARPA Federal Grant monies in the amount of \$464,597.23 for the category of broadband infrastructure site work on Memorial Hwy. property made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Noxious Weeds and Tall Grass, Dangerous Buildings Ordinances:** Discussion held on need for noxious weeds and dangerous buildings ordinances due to resident complaints. Walter Ruhl suggested consulting with the Planning Commission.

**Fire Report:** Whiteford Station #29 had 29 calls for the month of July, 2022. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 19 calls for the month of July, 2022. Fire Chief Shane Hillard informed the board Whiteford Station #29 has a tanker leak and is having CSI evaluate. Motion to approve purchase of two lighted stop signs with handles for Whiteford Station #29 at a cost not to exceed \$750 for both signs made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Park Report:** Walter Ruhl reported the swing set is up and ready for concrete, and another small pavilion has been built. Stone benches donated by Lloyd Nolfo will be placed by flag pole, and dirt in outfield #8 has been leveled and ready to plant grass.

**Local Governing Body Resolution For Charitable Gaming Licenses:** Motion to approve Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the purpose of the Whiteford Stoneco Park Fall Festival to have 50/50 raffles made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Road Report:** Walter Ruhl and Bob Schnipke reported all single seal work contracted for this year has been completed.

**Cemetery:** Walter Ruhl informed the board all cemetery fences have been painted.

**Water Report:** Walter Ruhl reported topsoil will be moved to the water plant and Neptune 360 software training has been set up. Discussion held on need for increased operator wages and health insurance benefits, and also water rates and water plant addition.

**Sheriff Troy Goodnough:** Monroe County Sheriff Troy Goodnough addressed the board with updates and statistics on Whiteford Township.

**Additional Items To Come Before The Board:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen  
Whiteford Township Clerk