

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 18, 2020

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in the Whiteford Township Offices. Present were Donald Sahloff, Tim Hill, Bernice Heidelberg, Walter Ruhl, Alex Drescher, Township Attorney, Christine Bischoff, Deputy Clerk, and approximately 25 guests. Angela Christensen was absent. Walter Ruhl asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for the passing of Bruce Ahleman who was a member of the Planning Commission, a Deacon of Zion Lutheran Church, a full-time farmer and friend. He also asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Clerk Angela Christensen's father, Gus LaRoy, who was a life-long resident and supporter of the community.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda of February 18, 2020 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion to approve the February 18, 2020 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Check Registers:** Motion to approve the February 18, 2020 General Government check register with the correction of check #26312 and disbursements totaling \$108,946.39 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the February 18, 2020 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$20,759.35 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Budget Adjustment:** Motion to add budget of \$7,000 to 101-215-702.001 Clerk Part-Time Hourly from fund balance to cover wages for our part-time office assistant made by Donald Sahloff second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Whiteford Center Fire Department SCBA Equipment:** Whiteford Center Fire Chief Adam Pickard explained and demonstrated the new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment purchased through a FEMA Grant of \$126,000. Motion to pay \$8,401 from Fire Millage account 206-340-992.001, Capital Expenditures – Equipment, for the matching portion of this purchase made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Water Plant Mowing:** Supervisor Walter Ruhl brought back to the table discussion on how much mowing was needed at the Water Plant facility. After discussion of several options, motion to table again until Tim Hill and Mark Cowdrey meet at the Water Plant to decide what portion needs mowing made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Susan Armstrong Malnar Request for Waiver of 4:1 Parcel Split Ratio:** Bill Decker addressed the board as representative of Susan Armstrong Malnar of 10400 Sylvania-Petersburg Road, requesting a waiver of the 4:1 ratio for depth to width requirement, requesting a new parcel to be created making it a 5:1 ratio. Motion to approve waiving the 4:1 parcel split ratio requirement for Susan Armstrong Malnar parcel made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**PA-116 Application for David and Carol Creque:** Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for David and Carol Creque, Parcel No. 5815-027-006-00, 32.56 acres for 10 years, Parcel No. 5815-027-007-00, 38 acres for 10 years, and Parcel No. 5815-027-009-00, 39.4 acres for 10 years made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Pomeroy and West Branch of Pomeroy (AKA Montri) Drains:** Motion to approve cleaning the Pomeroy and West Branch of Pomeroy (AKA Montri) Drains for the bid cost of \$62,832, as estimated by the Monroe County Drain Commission, made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Water Plant Addition:** Walter Ruhl presented information to the board on additional space needed at the Water Plant facility. Motion to approve building a 10' by 20' addition onto the water plant facility at a cost estimate of \$44,000 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Park Report:** Walter Ruhl informed the board he ordered the pavilion for the park through Coverworx, and brought back to the table discussion on park rental rates. Motion to approve park rental rates as presented with changes by the board made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Deputy Supervisor Ernie Sasse presented options for soccer field goals. Motion to approve purchase of 7' by 21' pair of soccer goals made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**ALICE Training:** Walter Ruhl informed the board and residents ALICE Training would be conducted free of charge on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Water Report:** Walter Ruhl reported there was a meeting with the businesses on the Sterns Road corridor and the township now has a financial commitment to pursue continuing the water line from Whiteford School to Sterns Road, then east under U.S. 23 to Schnipke Drive, then continue east on Sterns Road to Whiteford Center Road. After consideration of cost, the township also has financial support to install sewer lines from Sterns and Whiteford Center Road to Schnipke Drive, and from Schnipke Drive to properties west of U.S. 23. Motion to approve township engineer David Arthur Consultants, Inc. to do preliminary engineering reports and submit to USDA for consideration of these projects made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Fire Report:** Walter Ruhl reported he has a potential buyer for an old fire truck not being used by Ottawa Lake. Motion to approve accepting the offer of \$9,000 from T-Line EV, LLC towards the purchase of the 1996 KME Renegade Custom Pumper fire truck made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 12 calls for the month of January 2020. Whiteford Center Fire Department reported 31 calls for the month of January 2020.

**Public Comment:** Residents Andrew Gill and Eric Olrich asked questions on the potential new water district.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen

Whiteford Township Clerk