

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 18, 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, Bernice Heidelberg, Tim Hill, Angela Christensen, Walter Ruhl, Township Engineer Dave Kubiske with Township Attorney Alex Drescher attending via Zoom. There were also 8 guests.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda of January 18, 2022 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2021 made by Angela Christensen, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion to approve the January 18, 2022 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

**Check Registers:** Motion to approve the January 18, 2022 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$157,699.18 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the January 18, 2022 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$24,083.31 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Principles of Governance:** Motion to adopt the Principles of Governance as promoted by Michigan Township Association 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.

**Michigan Township Association Conference:** Motion to approve paying costs for board members if they choose to attend Michigan Township Association Conference from April 26 – 28 in Lansing 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.

**Site Plan Review for Toledo Caisson Corporation:** Discussion was held on request by Miller Diversified Corporation, 1656 Henthorne Drive, Maumee, Ohio 43537 as representative for Toledo Caisson Corporation, 6275 Consear Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267. The appellant is seeking a site plan review for a new building located at 6333 Consear Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267, parcel #5815-022-020-00 containing 4.76 acres and zoned M-1 Limited Industrial. Motion to approve site plan request as presented made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**SEMCOG Dues:** Motion to approve payment of SEMCOG annual dues in the amount of \$403.50 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**Sterns Road Widening:** Discussion was held on widening of Sterns Road at intersection of Sterns and Whiteford Center Roads involving easement on Whiteford Township properties for left turn lanes. Motion to table until more information is available made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Planning Commission Appointments:** Motion to appointment Don Sahloff as "ex officio" member of Planning Commission made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve appointment of Darrell Rush to Planning Commission made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment:** Motion to appoint Kyle Parsons to Zoning Board of Appeals made by Angela Christensen, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

**Supervisor Printer:** Motion to approve purchase of new printer for Supervisor office at a cost of \$549.99 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 dirt will be hauled in and leveled in the northeast ball field, and he is seeking bids on staining split rail fence.

**Water Report:** None

**Fire Report:** Whiteford Station #29 had 423 calls for 2021. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 226 calls for 2021. Fire Chief Shane Hillard and the Board of Trustees would like to thank Brad Beck for his many years of service as Chief of Ottawa Lake. His experience and service to the community is greatly appreciated. Fire Chief Shane Hillard informed the board Whiteford Center station's generator has a blown head gasket and he is seeking replacement quotes. He is requesting a temporary rental unit until repair or replacement can be found. Motion to approve rental of temporary generator at the cost of \$5,075 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Road Report:** None

**New Ottawa Lake Fire Station:** Walter Ruhl and Township Engineer Dave Kubiske presented several site drawings for the new Ottawa Lake Fire Station, along with the new township office building. After lengthy discussion, motion to move forward with suggested plans for the new Ottawa Lake Fire Station made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen  
Whiteford Township Clerk