

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 21, 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, Angela Christensen, and Walter Ruhl. Township attorney, Alex Drescher and Bernice Heidelberg were present via zoom. There were also 10 guests attending, plus 3 guests via zoom.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of June 21, 2022 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2022 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 6, 2022 made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Fire Generator Invoice: Motion to approve payment of \$8,404.71 to Toledo Caisson Corporation for Whiteford Center Fire Department generator repair made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. Invoice: Motion to approve payment of \$12,500 to Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. for 2022 Capital Improvement Bond services made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the June 21, 2022 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$161,525.95 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the June 21, 2022 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$28,430.76 made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the June 21, 2022 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Budget Amendments: Motion to amend the budget by adding from fund balance to: 101-267-801.000 Engineer, add \$11,630, 101-272-900.000 Publishing, add \$4,400, 101-344-870.000 Fire – Fuel, add \$1,500, 101-344-930.000 Fire – Repairs & Maintenance, add \$10,000, 101-566-972.002 Water System Initial Setup-1E, add \$45,000, 272-446-935.000 Private Roads – Mowing/Snowplowing, add \$1,100, 589-550-931.001 Sewer I – Operation & Maintenance - Meter, add \$6,000, 590-550-931.000 Sewer II – Operation & Maintenance, add \$9,000, 591-541-706.000 Water – Salaries & Wages Part-Time Hourly, add \$15,600, 591-541-711.000 Water – Medicare, add \$250, 591-541-715.000 Water – Social Security, add \$970, 401-901-974.001 Capital Outlay – Land Improvement Engineering, add \$1,500, 401-901-974.002 Capital Outlay – Land Improvement Attorney, add \$13,000 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Rezoning Request by James and Mary Iott Trust: Discussion was held on request by James & Mary Iott Trust, 10885 Bacon Road, Petersburg, MI 49270 regarding parcel #5815-003-006-00 located at 6424 School Road, Petersburg, MI 49270 containing approximately 44 acres. Appellants are requesting a zoning change for a one-acre parcel containing a residence from AG-Agricultural to R-2 Low Density Residential which will be divided from the original parcel. Motion to approve rezoning request as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Policy and Procedure Pertaining To Water Leak Detection and Notification: Motion to approve Policy and Procedure Pertaining To Water Leak Detection and Notification as amended made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Sylvania Fire Works Sheriff Contract: Motion to hire two uniformed Deputy Sheriffs and patrol vehicles from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on July 3, 2022 to patrol traffic watching fireworks at a cost not to exceed \$630 total to be paid out of

Liquor Fund made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl informed the board concrete has been poured for both small pavilions and for the Ahleman Pavilion by JAWS. Concrete was donated by JAK Concrete Construction. Brush and weeds have been cleared on the Disc Golf course by JAWS, two outfield fence toppers have been installed, and two additional park benches have been donated.

Park Rental Rates and Agreement: Walter Ruhl presented the revised Park Rental Rates and Agreement. Motion to approve Park Rental Rates and Agreement as amended made by Angela Christensen, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Park Memorandum Of Understanding With Brandon Best: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Whiteford Township and Brandon Best as amended made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Park PolyCap Fence Topper: Motion to approve purchase of PolyCap Fence Topper for outfield fences from Beck Farm Drainage in the amount of \$500 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2022 – 2027: Motion to approve Whiteford Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2022 – 2027 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Road Report: Walter Ruhl reported the Jeffs Road contract has been finalized, and the left-turn lanes project for Sterns Road has been pushed back one year by Monroe County Road Commission.

Fire Report: Whiteford Station #29 had 34 calls for the month of May, 2022. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 15 calls for the month of May, 2022.

Public Comment: Benjamin Tucker and Dwayne Shepherd with Lighthouse Fellowship Prayer Tower, 6896 Highwarden Street, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 inquired about the drainage at their church location. They will be expanding their building and parking. Ernie Sasse, 9400 Memorial Hwy., Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 made some recommendations on the park rules.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk