

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 15, 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, and Township Attorney Alex Drescher attending via Zoom. There were also 10 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of March 15, 2022 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022 made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of February 22, 2022 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the March 15, 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 March 15, 2022 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$73,460.94 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the March 15, 2022 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$21,342.73 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Report: Whiteford Station #29 had 29 calls for the month of February, 2022. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 16 calls for the month of February, 2022. Fire Chief Shane Hillard reported the engine for the WCFD generator will be repaired by the end of this month, and the ambulance was taken in for repair.

Resident and Sheriff Meeting: Supervisor Walter Ruhl shared information from a meeting of approximately 50 residents, Sheriff Goodnough, Captain David and County Commissioner Henry Lievens held the week before concerning break-ins and theft in Whiteford Township. Ernie Sasse will check on Block Watch information, and Clerk Angela Christensen will check with other townships and the Michigan Township Association on law enforcement information.

Road Report: Walter Ruhl requested the board consider an amendment to the local and private roads mowing contract with Precision Irrigation & Lawn Care, Inc. due to increased gas prices. Motion to approve a 13% increase to the current 2022 – 2023 year for a total of \$29,154 for three mowings, made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Park Report: Brandon Best proposed putting outfield fences on Fields 2 and 5, and a temporary fence on Field 6. Ball and Disc Tournament income will go towards payment of new fencing. Walter Ruhl requested Ernie Sasse be hired to work on projects at the park. Motion to hire Ernie Sasse at \$25 per hour on a job-by-job basis made by Angela Christensen, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Fall Festival Committee: Motion to approve recording the Fall Festival Committee as a Volunteer Organization for Whiteford Township to raise money for park improvements made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Report: None

Cemetery Ordinance: Angela Christensen informed the board on proposed additions and changes to the current Cemetery Ordinance and Resolution. Motion to table and schedule a workshop on Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. for the board to review the Cemetery Ordinance and Resolution made by Bernice Heidelberg, 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.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk