

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HYBRID MEETING

May 18, 2021

Whiteford Township Board of Trustees held a hybrid meeting both in-person and via Zoom.

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, and Walter Ruhl. Township Attorney Alex Drescher was present via Zoom. There were also 15 in-person guests and 12 guests via Zoom.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of May 18, 2021 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the May 18, 2021 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the May 18, 2021 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$141,220.95 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the May 18, 2021 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$20,797.69 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Budget Adjustment: Motion to amend the budget by adding from fund balance to: \$4,800 to 101-263-801.000 Engineer, \$6,500 to 101-263-802.000 Attorney, \$2,100 to 101-263-806.000 Miss Dig, \$23,000 to 101-276-831.000 Contractual Services – Burials, Foundations, \$2,200 to 101-301-861.000 Mileage, Law Enforcement, \$12,600 to 101-337-930.000 Repairs & Maintenance, OLF, \$6,000 to 101-751-955.020 Park Manager, \$75,000 to 206-340-992.001 Capital Expenditures - Equipment 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.

2021 Whiteford Township Millage Rate Request: Motion to renew the Whiteford Township millage rates at Operating 0.9213, Roads 0.9733 and Fire 0.9733 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.

Open Public Hearing on General Government Budget: Walter Ruhl opened the Public Hearing on the General Government Budget at 7:35 p.m. 2021 – 2022 budget was reviewed and discussion was held.

Close Public Hearing on General Government Budget: Walter Ruhl closed Public Hearing on General Government Budget at 7:36 p.m.

2021 – 2022 General Fund Budget: Motion to approve the line-item budget for 2021 – 2022 as presented without changes made by Tim Hill, 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.

2021 - 2022 General Appropriations Act: Motion to approve Whiteford Township's General Appropriations Act for 2021 - 2022 budget year 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.

Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Supervisor Salary: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Supervisor Salary 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.

Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Clerk Salary: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Clerk Salary made by Donald Sahloff, 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.

Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Treasurer Salary: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Treasurer Salary 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.

Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Trustee Salary: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Trustee Salary 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.

Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Deputy Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer Pay: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Deputy Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer Pay made by Angela Christensen, 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.

Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Clerk Receptionist Pay: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Clerk Receptionist 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.

Rezoning Request by Rebecca King for Paul Never: Discussion was held on request by Rebecca King for Paul Never, 6640 Consear Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267 regarding parcel #5815-021-003-02 located at the corner of Consear and Sylvania-Petersburg Roads. Parcel contains approximately 34.6 acres, zoned AG Agricultural. The Township Board previously approved rezoning of two lots to R-2 Low Density Residential, now appellant wishes to purchase both lots and combine them. Appellant is seeking rezoning from R-2 Low Density Residential to R-1 Rural Residential for an approximately 3.98-acre parcel to be divided from the parent parcel. Motion to approve rezoning request as presented made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, no, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-1.

Rezoning Request by David W. Coleman and Roxanna L. Pelow: Discussion was held on request by David W. Coleman and Roxanna L. Pelow, 8464 Brown Street, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267 regarding parcel #5815-019-048-00 located at 8464 Brown Street, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Parcel contains .997 acres and is zoned B-1 Local Business. Appellants are requesting a zoning change from B-1 Local Business to R-3 Medium Density Residential. Motion made by Donald Sahloff, 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.

Rezoning Request by Caroline Kibler Trust (Edward Kibler Trustee): Discussion was held on request by Caroline Kibler Trust (Edward Kibler Trustee) regarding parcel #5815-012-106-00 located at 4318 West Erie Road, Temperance, MI 48182. Parcel contains 20 acres and is zoned AG Agricultural. Appellant is requesting a zoning change from AG Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential in order to split off a 2-acre parcel containing the house and accessory buildings. Motion 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.

Road Report: Walter Ruhl reported on Monroe County Road Commission grants for left turn lanes on Sterns Road requiring a 20% match by the township, plus another grant for the Hicker Road bridge requiring a 5% match plus engineering costs. Jeffs Road will also be widened and repaved.

Resolution For Maintenance of Dalley Drain: Motion to approve Resolution For Maintenance of Dalley Drain made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Report: Motion to approve purchase of a new hose reel for WCFD grass truck with a maximum of \$2,000 to be paid from millage 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: Park Manager Ernie Sasse reported the sidewalk is done on the Dunmyer pavilion and the basketball court and swing set are completed at Ottawa Lake Park. The two small pavilions are ready to pour concrete and the Ahleman pavilion has been delivered.

Resolution to Establish Whiteford Township Licensed Water Plant Operator In Charge Starting Pay: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Whiteford Township Licensed Water Plant Operator In Charge Starting Pay made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, abstain, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 abstain.

Public Comment: Bernice Heidelberg thanked both fire departments for visiting her preschool. Linda Vesey Connors inquired on the widening and paving of Jeffs Road. Jeff Kiefer, Ted Peacock, and Carla Smith addressed the board with their concerns on salary increases.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen, Whiteford Township Clerk