

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 15, 2019

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, Angela Christensen, Bernice Heidelberg, Walter Ruhl, Alex Drescher, Township Attorney, and approximately 16 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of October 15, 2019 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the October 15, 2019 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$354,297.93 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the October 15, 2019 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$21,935.56 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the October 15, 2019 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Halloween Hours: Motion to set Halloween hours for October 31, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Master Plan: Walter Ruhl explained how the 2019 Master Plan has gone through the process of a public hearing and copies have been sent to the appropriate branches of government. Motion to approve the 2019 Whiteford Township Master Plan 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. Motion passed 5-0.

Old School House Museum: Walter Ruhl informed the board the costs to convert the Old School House Museum into a public library would range between \$150,000 to \$200,000 and discussed options on storage for the items and furniture in the building. Motion to purchase a 20' seatainer in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for storage made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Rezoning Request By John Healy, Agent For Owner Donald Crots: Discussion was held on request by Donald Crots, 2350 E. 150 N, Decatur, Indiana 46733 regarding parcel #5815-010-017-30, located on Sylvania-Petersburg Road between U.S. 223 and Samaria Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267, containing approximately 7 acres, zoned AG - Agricultural. Appellant is requesting zoning change from AG - Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential in order to divide the parcel into two parcels. Motion to approve zoning request 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. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Report: Adam Pickard, Fire Chief, Whiteford Center Fire Department, announced they acquired two grants. The first grant is a FEMA FY18 AFT Grant Award for \$126,000 toward the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This is a 5% match, approximately \$6,000. Motion to pay the matching \$6,000 out of the fire millage made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. The second grant is the Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant Award for \$16,350.53 for the purchase of a Lucas Automated Chest Compression System. There are no matching funds needed for this grant. Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 22 calls for the month of September 2019.

Water Report: Walter Ruhl informed the board on the need for additional mowing at the water plant. Motion to pay \$800 per month to Mark Cowdrey for September, October and November 2019 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to table a year-round mowing contract for the water plant to gather additional information made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Road Report: No report.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl and Ernie Sasse reported there was a large softball and disc golf tournament held at the park.

Township Offices: Walter Ruhl suggested the carpet be cleaned in the Whiteford Township offices. Motion to have the township office carpets cleaned at a cost of \$250 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: Andrew Gill asked the board if the water plant mowing contract would be put out to bid.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen

Whiteford Township Clerk