

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 20, 2020

Michigan Rural Water Presentation: Paul Seegert of Michigan Rural Water presented the Whiteford Township Board of Trustees with the “2020 Water Utility of the Year” Award, commending Walter Ruhl and the board for their hard work.

Constable Daniel Briskey Presentation: On behalf of the Whiteford Township Board of Trustees, Walter Ruhl presented Constable Daniel Briskey with a plaque honoring his 18 years of devoted service as our last Constable.

Call to Order: Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:42 p.m. in the Whiteford Township Offices. Present were Donald Sahloff, Tim Hill, Bernice Heidelberg, Angela Christensen, Walter Ruhl, Township Attorney Alex Drescher, Township Engineer David Kubiske and 17 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of October 20, 2020 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the October 20, 2020 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$183,966.61 made by Donald Sahloff, 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. Motion to approve the October 20, 2020 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$25,331.50 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer’s Financial Report: Motion to approve the October 20, 2020 Treasurer’s Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution To Accept 2014 And Prior Delinquent Personal Property Tax List And Authorize Signature Of Waiver And Consent To Strike Petition: Motion to approve Resolution To Accept 2014 And Prior Delinquent Personal Property Tax List And Authorize Signature Of Waiver And Consent To Strike Petition as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Water 2 Public Discussion: Walter Ruhl opened the floor to discussion of the water line extension from Whiteford Schools south on Sylvania-Petersburg Road to Sterns Road, then east to Schnipke Drive, south on Schnipke Drive to Section Road, continuing east on Sterns Road to Whiteford Center Road, including a water tower on Sterns Road at Stoneco Park. This project is known as “Water 2” for Whiteford Township. The businesses along Sterns Road have requested this project which is estimated to start in the Spring of 2021 taking less than one year to complete at an estimated cost of \$4,758,000. The businesses along the route will shoulder the majority of the costs.

- Nate Pierce, 6909 Highwarden, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 – Inquired if water tower was always part of the plan or added. How much did the businesses contribute?
- Scott Mills, 8061 Sylvania-Petersburg Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 – Inquired how many residents requested to be in this district. What percentage of residents were needed for approval of this project? Suggested residents should take precedence over businesses. Asked what the assessment and future fees would be on this water project.

- Brad Nowakowski, Ron's Diesel Service, 6255 Section Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 – Addressed residents with his calculations on how connection to municipal water saves both residents and business owners money.

Halloween Hours: Motion to set Halloween hours for October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. made by Donald Sahloff, 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.

PA-116 Application for Wafa Aouthmany: Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Wafa Aouthmany, Parcel No. 5815-033-003-00, 25 acres for 10 years, made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Rezoning Request by LRN Investments: Discussion was held on request by LRN Investments, 6220 Sterns Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 regarding parcel #5815-027-017-00 located at 7661 Wadsworth Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267. Parcel contains 10.58 acres and appellant is seeking rezoning from AG-Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Rural Residential to split off 2 acres containing an existing house. Motion to approve rezoning as presented made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Rezoning Request by Spencer Norris: Discussion was held on request by Spencer Norris, 6257 Sylvania-Petersburg Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 regarding parcel #5815-060-03-10. Parcel contains 2.98 acres and appellant is seeking rezoning from M2 – General Industrial District to R-1 Single Family Rural Residential in order to change the zoning to the existing use. Motion to approve rezoning as presented made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution To Close Jeffs Road: Motion to approve Resolution To Close Jeffs Road from Consear to Sterns Road for a 5K race on November 22, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance No. 75 – Trespass, Vandalism And Littering Ordinance: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 75 – Trespass, Vandalism And Littering Ordinance made by Donald Sahloff, 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: Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 16 calls for the month of September, 2020.

Sewer II : Walter Ruhl informed the board the second grinder pump will need rebuilt at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl reported dirt and concrete are needed to complete the Pavilion. Motion to approve equipment rental for four days to move dirt made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0. Volunteers are needed to help install the basketball court in Ottawa Lake Park.

Township Offices: Walter Ruhl suggested the carpet be cleaned in the Whiteford Township offices at a cost of \$250. Motion to approve carpet cleaning made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: None

Public Comment: Maxwell Miles, 4455 Section Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 expressed concerns of the Water 2 water tower being unsightly and suggested it be placed in an area other than Stoneco Park.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk