

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 21, 2023

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, Angela Christensen, Walter Ruhl, and Township Attorney, Alex Drescher. Tim Hill was absent. There were also 3 guests in attendance.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Walter Ruhl requested an addition to the agenda for Fire Department credit card. Motion to approve the amended agenda of March 21, 2023 made by Angela Christensen, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 21, 2023 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of March 7, 2023 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the March 21, 2023 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$77,253.01 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the March 21, 2023 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$35,670.32 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the March 21, 2023 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

PA-116 Application for William B. Beck: Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for William B. Beck, 8737 Head-O-Lake Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267, for Parcel No. 5815-028-001-00, located on Sylvania-Petersburg Road, 5.74 acres for 10 years, as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Deputy Supervisor Computer: Motion to approve purchase of new computer, screens, keyboard, and Microsoft Office for Deputy Supervisor's office at a cost of \$2062.57 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

D & P Communications, Inc. Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement: Discussion was held on request made by D & P Communications, Inc. for request of their franchise agreement. Motion to approve D & P Communications, Inc. Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement as presented for a period of ten (10) years from the date issued at a four percent (4%) fee of gross revenue to be paid quarterly to the Township, and a zero percent (0%) PEG fee made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Resolution Authorizing Change In Standard Lighting Contract With Consumer's Energy: Motion to approve Resolution Authorizing Change In Standard Lighting Contract With Consumer's Energy made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Ordinance No. 68A-4, Amendment To Whiteford Township Zoning Ordinance, Shooting Ranges: Motion to approve Ordinance 68A-4, Amendment To Whiteford Township Zoning Ordinance, regarding outdoor shooting ranges on B-1, B-2, M-1, M-2, made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Bulk Water Rates: Motion to rescind the January 17, 2023 water rate increase for bulk water back to the base charge of \$.012, which is \$.0133 per gallon made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Sewer Rates: Motion to approve amending both the Sewer I and Sewer II Rate Resolutions to reflect an 8% increase in the Base Rate of Sewer II, and a 16% increase in the Base Rate of Sewer I made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion to approve increase in pay for recording secretary and chairperson of both the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to \$55 for recording secretary and \$65 for chairperson per meeting made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Road Report: Motion to approve the revised 2023 Mowing Contract with Monroe County Road Commission for three cuttings between mid-June to Fall on local roads at a cost of \$30,320 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Park Report: Motion to approve MITRP for reinstallation of dugouts and fence from Field #2 to Field #5 at a cost of \$2,200 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve installation of outfield fence on Field #7 and dugout on Field #6 through donated funds made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Local Governing Body Resolution For Charitable Gaming Licenses: Motion to approve Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the purpose of the Whiteford Stoneco Park Fall Festival to have 50/50 raffles made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Water Report: Walter Ruhl announced the Public Hearing on the Water District II Assessment Roll will be Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township offices.

Resolution To Obligate The Money Received From ARPA Toward The Water II Project: After lengthy discussion, motion to approve Resolution To Obligate The Money Received From ARPA Toward the Water II Project made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, no, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 3-1, 1 absent.

Fire Department Credit Card: Motion to approve a credit card for fire department use through the Fire Chief to follow the township Credit Card Policy, with a limit of \$10,000 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, absent, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: Clerk Angela Christensen read a letter addressed to the board from Karlene Goetz.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk