

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting July 25, 2023

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the special meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm in the Whiteford Township Offices. Present were Donald Sahloff, Tim Hill, Bernice Heidelberg, Walter Ruhl and attorney Alex Drescher. Angela Christensen was absent. There were 11 guests. Zoom was available for the public to watch the meeting.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Don Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

**Clerk Position:** Walter Ruhl announced that Kerry Gozdowski withdrew her application for the clerk position and thanked her for being a volunteer firefighter. Motion by Timothy Hill, second by Don Sahloff to accept the resignation of Angela Christensen as clerk and appoint Christine Bischoff as Clerk for the remainder of the current term (until November 2024). Motion passed with a roll call vote: Sahloff – yes; Hill – yes; Heidelberg – yes; Ruhl – yes.

**Oath of Office:** Attorney/notary Alex Drescher administered the Oath of Office to Christine Bischoff as Clerk of Whiteford Township. She took her place at the board table and indicated the appointment of Karen Whitmore as Deputy Clerk.

**Insurance:** Agent Geoff Lansky was available to answer questions about Township insurance coverage with EMC. Discussion followed regarding Cybersecurity coverage. Motion by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Don Sahloff to renew insurance coverage increasing the umbrella policy with Ted Hartleb Insurance Agency and complete application for increased coverage of Cybersecurity to receive a quote. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Sahloff – yes; Hill – yes; Heidelberg – yes; Bischoff – yes; Ruhl – yes.

**Additional Items:** The Monroe County Road Commission is going to replace the road tile under Sterns Road by Whiteford Union Cemetery. They have requested we remove a section of the chain link fence in order to do so. They requested an easement to the retention pond pipe to the south ditch. The retention pond would be filled in with a collection box installed to improve the look of the cemetery. Motion by Don Sahloff, second by Tim Hill to approve removal and reinstallation of the chain link fence and Monroe County Road Commission easement to the retention pond pipe to the south ditch. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Sahloff – yes; Hill – yes; Heidelberg – yes; Bischoff – yes; Ruhl – yes.

**Public Comment:** Carla Smith questioned why she was not reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Christine Bischoff Whiteford Township Clerk