

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES



September 17, 2024

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm in the Whiteford Township Office, 8000 Yankee Road, Suite 100, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Board members present were Donald Sahloff, Timothy Hill, Bernice Heidelberg, Christine Bischoff and Walter Ruhl. Attorney Alex Drescher was present. There were approximately 61 guests present. Zoom was available to view the meeting.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Don Sahloff, second by Tim Hill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Bernice Heidelberg to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Check Registers: Motion by Tim Hill, second by Don Sahloff to approve the General Check Register as presented in the amount of \$283,111.06. Motion passed 5 – 0. Motion by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Don Sahloff to approve the Utility Check Register as presented in the amount of \$27,244.19. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Don Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Transfer from Fire Fund to Capital Outlay Fund: Motion by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the transfer of \$20,566.04 from the Fire Fund to the Capital Outlay Fund in order to pay for the Lucas CPR device. The Board approved to pay up to \$10,000 with the remainder coming from the Firemen’s Association. The \$10,566.04 from the Firemen’s Association will be deposited into the Fire Fund. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Sahloff – yes; Hill – yes; Heidelberg – yes; Bischoff – yes; Ruhl – yes.

Increase Budget from Fund Balance FY 2023-2024: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Don Sahloff to approve the following budget adjustments for the fiscal year 2023-2024:

101-344-930.000	Repairs and Maintenance	\$45,600.00
101-567-820.000	Contractual Service	\$ 7,950.00
101-567-935.000	Mowing	\$ 4,800.00
101-751-771.000	Inventory/Cost of goods sold	\$ 5,600.00
101-751-880.000	Recreation	\$ 8,300.00
101-751-935.000	Mowing	\$ 9,200.00
101-751-956.000	Manager	\$11,600.00
591-541-706.000	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 4,700.00
591-541-760.000	Lab Supplies	\$ 1,450.00
591-541-760.001	Lab Fees	\$ 4,650.00
591-541-760.003	Chemicals Added to Water	\$ 5,250.00
591-541-920.000	Electric – Utilities	\$ 3,800.00
591-541-931.000	Operation & Maintenance	\$ 2,100.00
591-541-935.000	Mowing/Snowplowing	\$ 1,850.00

Sheriff Goodnough: Sheriff Goodnough was present and shared statistics for 2022, 2023 and YTD 2024. The beginning of the school year was busy. He expressed thanks to the students/parents who spoke up about a potential threat to Whiteford Agricultural School District.

Stone Foundation Final Site Plan: Motion by Don Sahloff, second by Tim Hill to approve the Final Site Plan Review for Stone Foundation accessory building. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Sahloff – yes; Hill – yes; Heidelberg – yes; Bischoff – yes; Ruhl – yes.

Michigan Township Association Membership: Motion by Tim Hill, second by Don Sahloff to approve MTA membership for supervisor-elect Jeff Thomas and treasurer-elect Lee Strahan. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Sahloff – yes; Hill – yes; Heidelberg – yes; Bischoff – yes; Ruhl – yes.

Road Report: None

Fire Report: Tim Hill gave the fire report. There were 40 August calls and 234 manhours.

Water/ARPA Funds: Discussion on the potential ARPA funds available through Monroe County. Supervisor Walter Ruhl opened the floor to the public for questions. Denise Lennard, 8661 Head O Lake Road, Ottawa Lake, MI questioned the manner in which businesses/property owners on Schnipke Drive were notified.

Motion by Tim Hill, second by Don Sahloff to deny entering into a contract with the Monroe County Business Association for projects W1, W2 and W3 using ARPA funds. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Sahloff – yes; Hill – yes; Heidelberg – yes; Bischoff – yes; Ruhl – yes.

We are coming up on open enrollment for health insurance. Clerk Christine Bischoff will ask for updated quotes for the two water plant employees.

Park Report: The park will be closed on October 5, 2024 for all events except the Fall Festival. The second piece of playground equipment has been delivered and installation should be complete prior to the Fall Festival.

Supervisor Walter Ruhl made the following statement: *The obnoxious Car show at the park happened because I misjudged the people asking to put it on. That should not happen again. My apologies to the folks that had to listed to the loud noise.*

Bernice Heidelberg suggested making changes to the park use application to address potential issues with language. Sheriff Goodnough was asked how this situation could be handled and he suggested looking at other jurisdictions Noise Ordinances.

Public Comment: John Klump presented the board with a Written Objection to Whiteford Township's proposal to extend distribution of municipal water from the water plant to areas previously identified signed by five individuals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm with the completion of the agenda.

Christine Bischoff
Whiteford Township Clerk