

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 17, 2024



Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Jeff Thomas 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 Jeff Thomas, Christine Bischoff, Lee Strahan, Bob Lloyd and Steve Morgan. There were approximately 12 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Steve Morgan to approve the agenda with additions of Zoning Board of Appeals appointee and Planning Commission appointee. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Steve Morgan to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented by Lee Strahan. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Public Comment: Supervisor Jeff Thomas reminded all this is a time for public comment but not for dialogue and that comments should be addressed to the board only.

Tim Meinert expressed concerns about the increased quarrying and the effect on private wells.

Christine Hernandez suggested the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has a say with quarrying restrictions.

New Business:

Approve Minutes: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Lee Strahan to approve the November 19, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

General Check Register: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Steve Morgan to approve the general fund check register as presented totaling \$92,658.00. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Utility Check Register: Motion by Lee Strahan, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the utility fund check register as presented totaling \$31,302.92. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Deficit Reduction Plan for Sewer : Motion by Lee Strahan, second by Steve Morgan to approve transfer of \$7,500.00 from the general fund to the Sewer I fund to satisfy the two-year Deficit Reduction Plan submitted to the State of Michigan for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Hardship Resolution Plan: Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Christine Bischoff to accept the 2025 Hardship Resolution Plan. Motion passed 5 – 0.

TMACOG/SEMCOG Representative: Motion by Steve Morgan, second by Lee Strahan to appoint trustee Bob Lloyd as the board representative to Toledo Metropolitan Area of Council of Governments and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Planning Commission: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Bob Lloyd to appoint Steven Morgan to the Planning Commission with the term ending 12/31/2027. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Motion by Steven Morgan, second by Bob Lloyd to appoint Kevin Swearingen to the Planning Commission with term ending 12/31/2027. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 no.

Zoning Change Request: Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the zoning change from R-2 Low Density Residential to R-3 Medium Density Residential for parcel #5815-030-002-00 located on Memorial Highway near Clark Road to facilitate a land division request. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion by Lee Strahan, second by Steve Morgan to appoint Kyle Parsons to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 12/31/2027. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Public Comment: Tim Meinert expressed concerns about the quarry expansion. Christine Hernandez wondered if the DEQ is involved with quarrying. Linda Windom questioned appointments for the Board of Review since the term was ending 12/31/2024. Louie Strahan suggested inviting the quarry to a meeting to answer questions.

Supervisor Report: Jeff Thomas reported he has been and will continue to meet with Whiteford Township stakeholders. He encouraged the residents to reach out to board members with questions and concerns. He expressed thanks to those helping place wreaths on veteran graves with the Wreaths Across America. He intends to meet with the Ottawa Lake Co-op at January 16 at 7 pm and to hold a Town Hall on January 30 at 7:30 pm.

Motion by Lee Strahan, second by Steve Morgan to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Christine Bischoff
Whiteford Township Clerk