



WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Supervisor Jeff Thomas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm in the Whiteford Township Office, 8000 Yankee Road, Suite 100, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Board members present were Steve Morgan, Bob Lloyd, Jeff Thomas, Christine Bischoff and Lee Strahan. There were approximately 5 guests.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Steve Morgan to approve the amended agenda adding the approval of the June 4, 2025 Budget Workshop minutes in addition to the May 20, 2025 minutes. Motion passed 5 – 0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Steve Morgan to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

FIRE/PARK/ROADS REPORT:

FIRE: Supervisor Thomas reported Fire Chief Shane Hillard is working with CSI Emergency Apparatus to order a new brush truck, replacing an antiquated 1980 brush truck. T. Durocher was congratulated for passing the required training.

PARK: The pickleball nets have been removed to discourage playing after the recent accident damaging the fencing around the court. Marleau Hercules has been notified to replace the fence. It will be 3 to 4 weeks until the fence is replaced. Subrogation has begun to recover the repair costs.

ROADS: The annual road projects will begin July 1, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident JP Failing submitted a letter of concern regarding activity at the cabins on Head O Lake Road.

2025 – 2026 BUDGET: Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the 2025 – 2026 Budget as presented. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Morgan – yes; Lloyd – yes; Bischoff – yes; Strahan – yes; Thomas – yes.

APPROVE REBID OF MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROLOFF ROAD CHIP SEAL PROJECT:

Supervisor Jeff Thomas explained the Road Commission mistakenly bid this for only a portion of Roloff Road. Motion by Lee, second by Steve Morgan to approve the contract with the Monroe County Road Commission to chip seal Roloff Road between Head O Lake Road and Turk Road in the amount of \$31,849. Motion passed 5 – 0.

CEMETERY ELECTRICAL PROJECT: At the February 2025 board meeting, up to \$6,000 was approved to bring electric to the cemetery. Supervisor Thomas reported the final cost estimate from Consumer's Energy was \$15,000. Upon further research another avenue to direct electricity to the cemetery was found. Motion by Steve Morgan, second by Bob Lloyd to increase the amount approved at the February 18, 2025 meeting to \$8,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06-03 NEW PAY SCHEDULE FOR WHITEFORD VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS:

Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Lee Strahan to approve Resolution No. 2025-06-03 to update the on call

amounts for Whiteford Volunteer Firefighters. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Morgan – yes; Lloyd – yes; Bischoff – yes; Strahan – yes; Thomas – yes.

MAY 20, 2025 and JUNE 4, 2025 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes and the June 4, 2025 Budget Workshop minutes. Motion passed 5 – 0.

GENERAL CHECK REGISTER: Motion by Lee Strahan, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the General Check Register in the amount of \$103,098.06 as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

UTILITY CHECK REGISTER: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Lee Strahan to approve the Utility Check Register in the amount of \$34,717.81 as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP: Motion by Lee Strahan, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the MTA membership dues in the amount of \$5,516 for 2025 – 2026. Motion passed 5 – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06-01 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT: Motion by Steve Morgan, second by Lee Strahan to approve Resolution No. 2025-06-01 General Appropriations Act for the 2025 – 2026 Budget Year. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Morgan – yes; Lloyd – yes; Bischoff – yes; Strahan – yes; Thomas – yes.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Bob Lloyd to approve the FY 2024 – 2025 Budget Adjustments as presented. Motion passed 5 – 0.

FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE: Discussion followed. No action taken.

SPECIAL OCCASION TENT ORDINANCE: Discussion followed. No action taken.

FIREFIGHTER LOST WAGES TO ATTEND COURT PROCEEDINGS: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Steven Morgan to table in order to seek legal counsel. Motion passed 5 – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06-02 PAY SCHEDULE FOR LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICER: Motion by Christine Bischoff, second by Lee Strahan to approve Resolution No. 2025-06-02 Pay Schedule For Liquor Control Officer. This would designate paying the Liquor Control Officer the entire amount of monies received from the State of Michigan for liquor control purposes at the time monies are received. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Morgan – yes; Lloyd – yes; Bischoff – yes; Strahan – yes; Thomas – yes.

WHITEFORD STONECO PARK SPECIAL EVENT ENTRANCE: Discussion followed. More information will be obtained and brought back to the board.

SCHOOL POLICE LIAISON OFFICER AGREEMENT: Motion by Bob Lloyd, second by Christine Bischoff to approve the contract with Whiteford Agricultural School District for the School Police Liason Officer in the amount of \$45,000. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Morgan – yes; Lloyd – yes; Bischoff – yes; Strahan – yes; Thomas – yes.

FOIA APPEAL: Supervisor Jeff Thomas received a FOIA appeal regarding several FOIA requests. Motion by Steve Morgan, second by Bob Lloyd to deny the FOIA appeal. Motion passed with a roll call vote: Strahan – yes; Bischoff – yes; Lloyd – yes; Morgan – yes; Thomas – yes.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Morgan – commented on the benefit of the Insurance Workshop.

Thomas – thanked the Whiteford High School Robotics Team for helping weatherproof the picnic tables at Stoneco Park and helping with landscapng. Thanked the individuals who attended the spring town hall.

ADJOURN: Motion by Lee Strahan, second by Bob Lloyd to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Christine Bischoff
Whiteford Township Clerk