

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 17, 2019

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in the Whiteford Township Offices. Present were Donald Sahloff, Tim Hill, Angela Christensen, Bernice Heidelberg, Walter Ruhl, Alex Drescher, Township Attorney, and approximately 27 guests.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda of September 17, 2019 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of September 3, 2019 made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Check Registers:** Motion to approve the September 17, 2019 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$129,914.80 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the September 17, 2019 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$35,756.81 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion to approve the August 20, 2019 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the September 17, 2019 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

**Rezoning Request for Stone Foundation Properties, LLC:** Discussion was held on request by Stone Foundation Properties, LLC, 11100 Summerfield Road, Petersburg, Michigan 49270 regarding parcel #5815-001-010-30 containing approximately 5.226 acres, zoned AG - Agricultural. Appellant is requesting zoning change from AG - Agricultural to B-2 General Business for the purpose of relocating a small package shipping and fulfillment business. Motion to approve zoning request made by Tim Hill second by Walter Ruhl. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, no, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-1.

**Rezoning Request for Rachel Groch:** Discussion was held on request by Rachel Groch, 7685 Adler Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 regarding parcel #5815-025-040-01, located on Clegg Road between Corey Street and Adler Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267, containing approximately 63.37 acres, zoned AG - Agricultural. Appellant is requesting zoning change from AG - Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for a two-acre parcel she would like to split off the parent parcel. Motion to approve zoning request made by Bernice Heidelberg second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**PA-116 Application for James and Jacquelyn Bennett:** Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for James and Jacquelyn Bennett, Parcel No. 5815-023-035-00, 24 acres for 10 years made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, abstain, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 abstain.

**Resolution Establishing The Number of Constables:** Motion to approve ending elected constables in Whiteford Township with the Resolution Establishing The Number of Constables made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Monroe Conservation District Funding:** Walter Ruhl received a request from the Monroe Conservation District requesting financial assistance. Motion to deny financial request to Monroe Conservation District made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**Purchase of Safe:** Motion to purchase a fireproof safe for the township offices in the amount of \$2,040 from DOCS Investments, LLC made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Water Plant:** Walter Ruhl and Tim Hill informed the board on the need for outdoor storage at the water plant. Motion to approve purchase of a 40' seatainer in the amount of \$2,600 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Park Report:** Walter Ruhl and Ernie Sasse reported the donation of a 50' by 50' blacktop pad for half-court basketball at the Ottawa Lake Park. Motion to approve purchase of Pro Dunk Silver Basketball System for Ottawa Lake Park in the amount of \$1,199 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve purchase of Lifetime Adventure Tower and Swing for the Ottawa Lake Park in the amount of \$1,649 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Doug Donnelly, Park Manager, advised the board on the need for soccer fields at Stoneco Park, and he has heard many positive remarks on the Slide Safe on ball diamonds.

**Road Report:** Road Advisor Bob Schnipke and Walter Ruhl discussed the need to replace cross tile at Samaria and Tabbert Roads. Motion to approve the contract with Monroe County Road Commission to replace the cross tile at Samaria and Tabbert Roads in the amount of \$5,565 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Walter Ruhl informed the board Warren Street was repaired from a sewer line break.

**Cemetery Report:** Mark Cowdrey, Cemetery Sexton, informed the board on the need for gates at the Whiteford Union Cemetery entrances. Motion to approve purchase of gates for Whiteford Union Cemetery in the amount of \$1,500 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Mark Cowdrey will be responsible for the opening and closing of the gates.

**Fire Report:** Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 17 calls for the month of August 2019.

**Additional Items To Come Before The Board:** Doug Bulmer is happy to see Ottawa Lake Park will be having playground equipment and looks forward to Stoneco Park also having a playground.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen

Whiteford Township Clerk