

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 21, 2021

Call to Order: Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. Present were Donald Sahloff, Bernice Heidelberg, Tim Hill, Angela Christensen, and Walter Ruhl, with Township Attorney Alex Drescher attending via Zoom. There were also 9 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of September 21, 2021 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2021 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of August 19, 2021 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the September 21, 2021 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the September 21, 2021 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$145,101.73 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the September 21, 2021 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$30,902.88 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Ottawa Lake Sidewalks: Supervisor Walter Ruhl explained the need for sidewalk repair and leveling in Ottawa Lake. Motion to approve concrete leveling for sidewalks in Ottawa Lake in the amount of \$800.00 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Stoneco Park Mowing Contract: Walter Ruhl informed the board Jay Herrington with Precision Irrigation and Lawncare has resigned from his mowing contract for Stoneco Park. Motion to retain Cowdrey's Home Services, Inc. as mowing contractor for Stoneco Park for the remainder of the existing three-year contract made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Electrical Inspector: Walter Ruhl reported Lou Duby has officially retired from his duties as Whiteford Township Electrical Inspector. Motion to approve hiring Dale Kolar as Whiteford Township Electrical Inspector made by Angela Christensen, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution To Establish Water Rates, Fees and Charges: Walter Ruhl asked the board to review the current Resolution to Establish Water Rates, Fees and Charges, and asked for comments or changes for presentation at the October meeting.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl reported improvements being made at Stoneco Park. Motion to retain Brandon Best for ballfield maintenance and scheduling at a cost of \$200 per month from February through October made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0. Mark Cowdrey has offered to donate ten picnic tables to Whiteford Township for park use and asked if more were needed. Motion to approve purchase of ten additional picnic tables at a cost of \$149 apiece made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Road Report: Road Advisor Bob Schnipke reported he and Walter Ruhl are meeting with Monroe County Road Commission on Wednesday to discuss next year's road work.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Shane Hillard requested the township begin the process to purchase a new fire engine for Whiteford Center Station 29. Motion to enter into a contract with CTI for the purchase of a new fire engine with the price not to exceed \$650,000 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve purchase of a new AED, price not to exceed \$2,000 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0. Shane Hillard announced Ottawa Lake Station 42 has been awarded a \$2,000 Rewarding Responder Grant from Michigan Gas Utilities to be used towards the purchase of a new Altair 4XR Multi Gas Detector. Whiteford Station #29 had 43 calls for the month of August, year to date total of 292, up 34 calls from 2020. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 25 calls for the month of August, year to date total of 143.

Public Comment: Phil and Tamara Iott addressed the board on crude oil smell coming from Sunoco at Exit 5 and presented information on health impacts from exposure to crude oil vapors. Walter Ruhl said he is aware of the problem and is calling the trucking company for improvements.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk