

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 17, 2018

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, Bernice Heidelberg, Angela Christensen, Walter Ruhl, and approximately 12 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of April 17, 2018 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Budget Adjustments: Motion to amend the budget: 101-263-801 Engineer, add \$12,000, 101-263-802 Attorney, add \$6,000, 101-263-803.001 Accountant, add \$5,000, 101-265-940 Building & Grounds, add \$6,000, 101-101-900 Publishing, add \$3,000, out of fund balance made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the April 17, 2018 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$48,623.75 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the April 17, 2018 Sewer I & II Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$6,575.86 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Rezoning Request by Benjamin and Pamela Klump: In regard to rezoning request by Benjamin and Pamela Klump, parcel # 5815-022-021-00 containing 39 acres more or less and zoned AG - Agricultural, and requesting a rezoning from AG to R-1 Rural Residential for a two (2) acre parcel, motion to approve rezoning request made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the April 17, 2018 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Sheriff: Supervisor Walter Ruhl introduced Sheriff Deputy Michael Bomia who will be working at Whiteford Schools and throughout Whiteford Township.

Ordinance No. 72, Utility Scale Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 72, Utility Scale Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution to Establish Salaries for Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer: Walter Ruhl presented information for the need to establish salaries for the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer for budgetary purposes. After lengthy discussion, motion to deny approval of Resolution to Establish Salaries for Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IA, Eleventh Draw: Motion to approve the eleventh draw for Water IA, in the amount of \$99,371.87, from the Water Project funds made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IB, Eleventh Draw: Motion to approve the eleventh draw for Water IB, in the amount of \$35,975.28, from the Water Project funds made by Angela Christensen, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Water I, Change Order #5: Walter Ruhl informed the board Change Order #5 has been approved and is a net to the township of \$10,600.

Posting Budget To The Website: Motion to post the 2018 – 2019 Whiteford Township budget to the website once approved made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Cemetery: Walter Ruhl informed the board that Cemetery Sexton Mark Cowdrey has plotted out both Whiteford Union and Lakeview Cemeteries and needs pins to mark the lots. Motion to approve purchase of 550 lot marking pins and stamping machine from Holland Supply in the amount of \$3,217.23 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Road Report: Walter Ruhl and Bob Schnipke reported that all pot holes have been filled on township roads.

Fire Report: Motion to purchase two sets of gear for Whiteford Center Fire Department at a cost of \$2,668.85 each from the Fire Millage made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve ordering fuel credit cards for each fire truck at each house for a total of ten (10) credit cards made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 9 calls for March, 2018. Whiteford Center Fire Department reported 24 calls for March, 2018.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl reported the stolen park gates to the Sheriff, and the main park gate had also recently been crashed into causing minimal damage. Slide Safe has been installed on Diamond #3, and there is an estimate of \$9,270 from Marleau Hercules Fence Co. for two dugouts. Motion to approve installation of dugouts from Marleau Hercules Fence Co. plus sun screen to cover them at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Jim and Jan Dunmyer have donated \$10,000 to cover the cost of these dugouts and the sun screen to cover them. The board extends a huge Thank You to Jim and Jan Dunmyer. Motion to name the ball field after Jim and Jan Dunmyer for their generous donation made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0. Walter Ruhl presented an estimate from Marleau Hercules Fence Co. for installation of two back stops to create new ball diamonds at a cost of \$8,910. Motion to approve purchase and installation of two back stops from Marleau Hercules Fence Co. at a cost of \$8,910 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Menard, Inc. vs. Escanaba Tax Appeal: Walter Ruhl presented the board with information from MTA on the Menard, Inc. vs. Escanaba Tax Appeal Case.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: A resident inquired about the Water Project. Walter Ruhl informed him two tanks have been set, walls are up in the building and wire is being pulled. A second resident inquired on the Water Project timeline. Walter Ruhl estimated June 22, 2018. A third resident questioned his Personal Property Tax and Tim Hill gave him information.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk