

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HYBRID MEETING

April 20, 2021

Whiteford Township Board of Trustees held a hybrid meeting both in-person and via Zoom.

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, Walter Ruhl and Township Attorney Alex Drescher. There were also 23 in-person guests and 22 guests via Zoom.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of April 20, 2021 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the April 20, 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 April 20, 2021 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$98,443.40 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the April 20, 2021 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$26,990.43 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Metamora State Bank: Motion to approve Metamora State Bank as one of the banks Whiteford Township uses as a depository made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Budget Adjustment: Motion to amend the budget by adding from fund balance to: \$7,700 to 590-550-925.000 Operation & Maintenance – Meter, 9,500 to 590-550-931.000 Operation & Maintenance, \$650 to 590-536-901.000 Printing, \$200 to 590-536-955.010 Inspections, \$23,000 to 591-541-704.000 Salaries & Wages – Part-Time, \$340 to 591-541-711.000 Medicare, \$1,830 to 591-541-715.000 Social Security, \$17,500 to 591-541-807.000 Contractual Services – Water I, \$950 to 591-541-851.000 Internet, \$3,650 to 591-541-935.000 Mowing/Snowplowing, \$400 to 591-541-961.000 Membership Dues 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. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Budget Adjustment: Motion to adjust the budget in account # 101-966-401.401 in the amount of \$85,000 from fund balance and increasing the budget in account # 401-931-699.101 made by Angela Christensen, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Budget Adjustment: Motion to approve transfer of \$85,000 from account # 101-966-995.401 to account # 401-931-699.101 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

2021 – 2022 Budget: Walter Ruhl presented a rough draft of the 2021 – 2022 line-item budget to the board for review.

Large Format Printer/Scanner: Angela Christensen informed the board on the need for a wide format printer/scanner for building permit drawings, park and cemetery, and also replacement of the current office printer lease. Motion to approve lease agreement with Perry Pro Tech for both the Ricoh C2500 and Ricoh W6700SP printer/scanners for 63 months at \$433.43 per month made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Rezoning Request by Alexandros Chrysanthou: Discussion was held on request by Alexandros Chrysanthou, 10101 Tabbert Road, Riga, MI 49276 regarding parcel #5815-019-084-00 located at 8341 Memorial Hwy., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Parcel contains .318 acres, zoned B-1 Local Business. Appellant is requesting zoning change from B-1 Local Business to R-3 Medium Density Residential. Motion to approve rezoning request as presented contingent upon meeting requirement to connect to public water made by Donald Sahloff, 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.

PA-116 Application for Joseph D. Gust: Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Joseph D. Gust, 13708 Yankee Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267, Parcel No. 5815-028-002-00, 23 acres for 40 years, as presented 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.

PA-116 Applications for Judy Governo: Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Judy Governo, 10499 Stone Quarry Road, Riga, MI 49276, Parcel No. 5815-007-002-00, 36.3 acres for 10 years, as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Judy Governo, 10499 Stone Quarry Road, Riga, MI 49276, Parcel No. 5815-009-025-05, 26.23 acres for 10 years, as presented 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 For Maintenance of Bischoff Drain: Motion to approve Resolution For Maintenance of Bischoff Drain made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Whiteford Recreation: Nick Puhl, President of Whiteford Recreation, addressed the board on ball field rental rates at Stoneco Park. After discussion, motion to charge Whiteford Recreation \$1,000 for ball field rental in 2021, \$1,200 for ball field rental in 2022, and revisit rental rates in 2023 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.

Park Report: Motion to approve 4-Point Tree Service, LLC to remove two trees, grind stumps, and trim five trees at Ottawa Lake Park at a cost of \$3,500 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. Motion to approve purchase of two small pavilions and concrete using park donation monies made by Donald Sahloff, 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. Motion to approve renting a loader for Stoneco Park to level dirt on Ball field #8, remove sod to expand parking lot, and spread asphalt grindings made by Tim Hill, 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.

Fire Department: Motion to approve re-roofing of Ottawa Lake Fire Department by Tom Heidelberg Roofing at a cost of \$18,907 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes. Motion passed 5-0. Walter Ruhl informed the board the actual cost to refurbish the Ottawa Lake Fire Department tanker is \$133,606, which is \$18,606 more than the previous estimate. Motion to approve the additional \$18,606 towards refurbishing the Ottawa Lake Fire Department tanker made by Bernice Heidelberg, 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.

Public Comment: John Clawson, Ted Peacock, John Klump, Carla Smith, Chris Hauser and other residents addressed the board with their concerns on the proposed Water District.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. after completion of the agenda.