

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 17, 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 15 guests.

Moment of Silence: Walter Ruhl asked the board and residents to remain standing for a moment of silence for Dave Saalfeld who passed away unexpectedly July 31, 2021. Dave conducted the township Zoom meetings, did I.T. for the elections and was an election Chairperson.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of August 17, 2021 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the August 17, 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 August 17, 2021 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$242,712.17 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the August 17, 2021 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$26,546.37 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Burnham & Flower Insurance: Jon Johnson of Burnham & Flower Insurance Group gave a presentation on Township Insurance coverage and on Accident and Injury Insurance coverage for firemen.

Township Insurance Coverage: Motion to table discussion of township insurance coverage and accident and injury insurance coverage for firemen until Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. so the board can review both insurance presentations by Burnham & Flower and Ted Hartleb Insurance companies more thoroughly made by Donald Sahloff, 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.

Old School House Museum: Walter Ruhl informed the board a township resident has asked to purchase the Old School House Museum with contents and would keep as a museum. After discussion, motion to approve selling the Old School House Museum with contents to remain as a township museum at the cost of \$1.00 made by Donald Sahloff, 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.

Township Owned Property at Sterns and Whiteford Center Roads: Discussion was held on request by property owner of parcel on the corner of Sterns and Whiteford Center Roads who wishes to purchase part or all of the township owned property next to it. Motion to enter into negotiations with consideration of selling part or all of the township property to this property owner made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Township Health Insurance: Walter Ruhl presented health insurance options to the board, for consideration of all township employees. After discussion, motion to pursue HSA options and bring back discussion at the September 21, 2021 board meeting made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Rezoning Request by LaDonna Putnam and DaRonna Mensor: Discussion was held on request by LaDonna Putnam and DaRonna Mensor, 3203 Hargo Road, Toledo, Ohio 43606 regarding parcel #5815-016-015-60 located at Roloff Road near Lake Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Parcel contains 5.4 acres and is zoned AG - Agricultural. Appellants are

requesting a zoning change from AG - Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for an approximately 2.5 acre portion. The remaining acreage will be combined with an adjacent parcel and remain AG – Agricultural. Motion to approve rezoning request as presented 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.

Rezoning Request by LaDonna Putnam and DaRonna Mensor: Discussion was held on request by LaDonna Putnam and DaRonna Mensor, 3203 Hargo Road, Toledo, Ohio 43606 regarding parcel #5815-016-015-50 located at Roloff Road near Lake Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Parcel contains 8.928 acres and is zoned AG - Agricultural. Appellants are requesting a zoning change from AG - Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for an approximately 3 acre portion. Motion to approve rezoning request as presented made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Report: Walter Ruhl and Fire Chief Shane Hillard reported Whiteford Station #29 had 27 calls for the month of July, year to date total of 237, up 39 calls from 2020. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 18 calls for the month of July, year to date total of 118. The Whiteford Brush Truck refurbish has been completed and the truck is here in the parking lot tonight for everyone to see. Whiteford and Ottawa Lake Fire covered the Monroe County Fair on August 1 and August 7 with no major incidents. Training continues every Monday evening. Ottawa Lake will host its annual steak roast on September 25, and both stations will participate in the October 9 Fall Festival. The Ottawa Lake re-roof has been completed.

Park Report: Ron Miller, Chair of the “Whiteford Stoneco Park Fall Festival” addressed the board and residents on the progress of the October 9th Fall Festival. The Ahleman pavilion is in process and should be completed by October 9. The slide on the swing set at the Ottawa Lake Park needs to be relocated for more clearance of the sidewalk. There are several sections of sidewalk in Ottawa Lake that need repair or replacement. Walter Ruhl will seek companies for the sidewalk repair and compare bids.

Local Governing Body Resolution For Charitable Gaming Licenses: Motion to approve Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the purpose of the Whiteford Stoneco Park Fall Festival to have 50/50 raffles 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.

Road Report: All single seal work has been completed on township roads. Motion to approve Monroe County Road Commission adding 100 ton of berm to Carriage Lane at a cost of \$1,897 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.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk