

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 18, 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, Angela Christensen, Bernice Heidelberg, Walter Ruhl, Alex Drescher, Township Attorney, and approximately 16 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of December 18, 2018 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2018 made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Water I Forklift: Motion to approve payment of \$10,095 from General Fund for forklift at the Water Plant, which will be reimbursed from USDA Water Project funds to expedite payment made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the December 18, 2018 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$165,579.10 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the December 18, 2018 Sewer I & II Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$5,460.73 made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the December 18, 2018 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Sewer II Budget Amendment: Motion to amend Sewer II budget by adding \$58,000 to 590-550-968.000 to offset depreciation made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Sewer I Budget Amendment: Motion to amend Sewer I budget by adding \$950 to 589-550-968.000 to offset depreciation made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Proclamation Recognizing Whiteford School Choice Week: Motion to approve Proclamation Recognizing Whiteford School Choice Week as January 20 – 26, 2019 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IA, Nineteenth Draw: Motion to approve the Nineteenth draw for Water IA, in the amount of \$144,527.65, from the Water Project funds made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IB, Nineteenth Draw: Motion to approve the Nineteenth draw for Water IB, in the amount of \$218,675.83, from the Water Project funds made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Amendment to Draw #18 for Water IA: Motion to amend Draw #18 for Water IA from \$15,723.55 to \$40,910.79 to correct an error made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

2019 Poverty Exemptions Resolution: Motion to adopt the 2019 Poverty Exemption Resolution within the purview of Whiteford Township as it applies to real property 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.

Board of Review: Motion to appoint Doug Cassada, Bob Schnipke, Darrell Rush and Alternate Brad Beck for two-year terms to the Board of Review made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning Commission: Motion to appoint Donald Sahloff and Darrell Rush to the Planning Commission for three-year terms made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion to appoint Kyle Parsons as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Election Worker Wages: Motion to approve an increase to the election workers wages from \$9.25 per hour to \$10.00 per hour to correspond with Michigan Minimum wage law made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Election Worker Wages: Motion to approve an increase to the Chairman election workers wages from \$12.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour to keep the differential between election workers and election Chairman made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution For Ciderhouse 59, LLC As Small Wine Maker: Motion to approve the Resolution For Ciderhouse 59, LLC located at 5647 Consear Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 as Small Wine Maker 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.

Clerk/Treasurer Computers: Walter Ruhl informed the board of IT Right's recommendation the Clerk and Treasurer's computers needed replacement because of their age and software standards. Motion to approve the purchase of two computers for the Clerk and Treasurer offices at a cost of \$1,377 each made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Spartan ER Star Pumper Payment: Motion to approve paying the final payment for Ottawa Lake Fire Department's Spartan ER Star Pumper in the amount of \$102,577.00 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Fee For Tax Collection: Motion to collect a 1% fee for tax collection made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Road Report: Road Advisor Bob Schnipke reported on the need to repair the berm of Sylvania-Petersburg Road.

Water Report: Walter Ruhl informed the board MDEQ is still holding off on the Water Plant permit and an oversight committee has been formed.

Fire Report: Whiteford Center Fire Chief Adam Pickard presented information on a 50% matching grant for turnout gear. Motion to approve accepting the 50% matching grant for Whiteford Center Fire Department and Ottawa Lake Fire Department for turnout gear made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the purchase of a Hard Mount Washer/Extractor for Whiteford Center Fire Department not to exceed the cost of \$7,000 to be paid from millage monies made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the purchase of a Ram for use by both Whiteford Center Fire Department and Ottawa Lake Fire Department at a cost of \$1,500 to be paid from millage monies made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve purchase of two new Thermal Imaging Cameras for Whiteford Center Fire Department and Ottawa Lake Fire Department not to exceed \$15,800 to be paid from millage monies made by Angela Christensen, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association: Motion to approve payment of annual dues to Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association in the amount of \$25 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Michigan State Firemen's Association: Motion to approve payment of 2019 annual dues to Michigan State Firemen's Association in the amount of \$75 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: Residents inquired about the abandoned cars and boat on the property of Flying J Travel Center on Sterns Road.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk