

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 16, 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, Alex Drescher, Township Attorney, and approximately 20 guests.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda of January 16, 2018 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2017 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

**Check Registers:** Motion to approve the January 16, 2018 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$105,718.10 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Sewer I & II Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$6,974.85 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion to approve the January 16, 2018 treasurer's financial report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

**TMACOG:** TMACOG officials Gilda Mitchell, Director of Membership and Outreach, and Kurt Erichsen, Vice President of Water Quality Planning spoke on sewer and water issues.

**Board of Review:** Motion to appoint Bob Schnipke, Brad Beck, and Doug Cassada to the Board of Review for two-year terms made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

**2018 Poverty Exemptions Resolution:** Motion to adopt the 2018 Poverty Exemption Resolution as presented made by Tim Hill, 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.

**Resolution Calling Public Hearing On Amendment To Special Assessment Roll To Add A Parcel To The Roll (Water District #1B):** Motion to approve Resolution Calling Public Hearing On Amendment To Special Assessment Roll To Add A Parcel To The Roll (Water District #1B) 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.

**Water IA, Eighth Draw:** Motion to approve the eighth draw for Water IA, in the amount of \$141,716.94, from the Water Project funds made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Water IB, Eighth Draw:** Motion to approve the eighth draw for Water IB, in the amount of \$10,742.25, from the Water Project funds made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

**PA-116 Applications for Greg and Rebecca Lievens, Lievens Farms, LLC:** Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Greg and Rebecca Lievens, Parcel No. 5815-003-010-40 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Greg and Rebecca Lievens, Parcel No. 5815-004-003-00 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Greg and Rebecca Lievens, Parcel No. 5815-003-011-00 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Greg and Rebecca Lievens, Parcel No. 5815-004-004-01 made by Angela Christensen, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Lievens Farms, LLC, Parcel No. 5815-004-011-01 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Lievens Farms, LLC, Parcel No. 5815-004-012-01 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

**Whiteford High School State Football Champions Signs:** Motion to purchase 24 signs at \$18.00 each from the Sign Lady printed "Whiteford High School, Home of the 2017 State Football Champs" to be placed on township roads made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

**SEMCOG Annual Dues:** Motion to pay SEMCOG annual dues in the amount of \$377 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Neopost Contract Renewal:** Motion to approve renewal of contract with Neopost postage meter in the amount of \$36.74 per month rental fee for three years made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

**Rezoning Request by Jess and Elizabeth Saylor:** In regard to rezoning requests by Jess and Elizabeth Saylor, parcel # 5815-023-003-00 seven acres rezoned from AG – Agricultural to M-1 Limited Industrial, and requesting 1.5 acres containing existing house rezoned from AG – Agricultural to R2 Low Density Residential and a 2.4 acre parcel from AG – Agricultural to R1 – Rural Residential; parcel # 5815-023-002-00 six acre land combination and land division, motion to deny all proposed zoning changes made by Tim Hill, 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.

**Road Report:** Walter Ruhl and Bob Schnipke will be attending a meeting at Monroe County Road Commission on Thursday concerning financing.

**Park Report:** Ernie Sasse informed the board Burnham & Flower Insurance Company awarded the township a \$5,000 grant for security at the park.

**Water Project Report:** Dave Kubiske updated the board on Water IB being "substantially complete", Water IA has most water lines completed.

**Fire Report:** Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 174 calls for 2017. Whiteford Center Fire Department reported 314 calls 2017.

**Cemetery:** Discussion held on needs of the cemeteries in Whiteford Township. A workshop will be held Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 7:30 p.m. in the Whiteford Township Offices to discuss cemetery needs to be done, millage proposal and to review cemetery Ordinance. The public and community members are welcome to attend.

**Solar Fields Workshop:** Walter Ruhl informed the board of a Solar Field Workshop on Friday, January 19, 2018 in the Whiteford Township Offices at 10:00 a.m. Jason Carr from Cedar Creek Renewables will be available for discussion and information.

**Additional Items To Come Before The Board:** Kelly Tuller with Whiteford Schools informed the board of Founder's Day program. Residents expressed concerns about flooding on their properties, poor drainage and blight.

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

Angela Christensen  
Whiteford Township Clerk