

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 15, 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 12 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of May 15, 2018 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the May 15, 2018 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$57,316.34 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the May 15, 2018 Sewer I & II Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$13,826.11 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Transfer Monies from General Fund to Building and Site: Motion to transfer \$60,000 from the General Fund to the Building and Site Fund made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the May 15, 2018 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IA, Twelfth Draw: Motion to approve the twelfth draw for Water IA, in the amount of \$485,463.72, from the Water Project funds made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IB, Twelfth Draw: Motion to approve the twelfth draw for Water IB, in the amount of \$54,087.88, from the Water Project funds made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing on General Fund Budget for 2018 - 2019: Walter Ruhl declared a public hearing to be open at 7:36 p.m. to discuss the General Fund Budget for 2018-2019. Discussion held by township board members. Walter Ruhl declared the public hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

General Fund Budget for 2018 - 2019: Motion to approve the General Fund line item budget for 2018 – 2019 as presented made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

2018-2019 General Appropriations Act: Motion to approve Whiteford Township's General Appropriations Act for 2018-2019 budget year 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.

Rezoning Request by Pat Jones: In regard to rezoning request by Pat Jones, parcel # 5815-028-011-10 containing 1.83 acres and zoned R-2 Residential, is requesting to make parcel 5 acres by combining 3 additional acres from parcel #5815-028-011-20 and rezoning from R-2 to AG Agricultural and sell, leaving remaining parcel #5815-028-011-20 at 11.87 acres zoned AG Agricultural and sell, motion to approve rezoning request made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance No. 68A-2 – Amendment To Whiteford Township Zoning Ordinance: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 68A-2 – Amendment To Whiteford Township Zoning Ordinance regarding secondary dwelling units, 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 Margaret E. Klump and Benjamin Klump: Motion to approve Application of PA-116 for Margaret E. Klump and Benjamin Klump, Parcel No. 5815-015-013-01, 51.3 acres for 18 years made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution To Pay For Liquor Inspections: Motion to approve Resolution To Pay For Liquor Inspections to pay whoever is assigned to do the liquor inspections in the amount of \$500 per month beginning July 1, 2018 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.

Ordinance No. 67A-1, Amendment To Whiteford Township Water Ordinance: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 67A-1 – Amendment To Whiteford Township Water Ordinance 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 To Help Defray Legal Costs In Menard Inc. V City Of Escanaba “Dark Store” Litigation: Motion to approve donation of \$500 to City of Escanaba to defray legal costs in “Dark Store” litigation made by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion died from lack of support.

Road Report: Road Advisor Bob Schnipke reported residents are calling about plugged culverts due to heavy rain. Most problems are from burnt leaves plugging the culverts.

Fire Report: Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 11 calls for April, 2018. No report was available for Whiteford Center Fire Department for April, 2018.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl reported he has five weekends booked for the summer for JAWS to work at the park, which will be over 500 man hours of work.

Water I Report: Walter Ruhl informed the board most of the larger pieces and pumps for the Water I plant are now on site. MDEQ will be visiting the plant on June 7, 2018 to see how the project is progressing.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: Resident Linda Kucway, Roloff Road, gave information on her desire to inform township residents with acreage and large lawns to do natural plantings and let their acreage grow freely instead of mowing to promote bees, butterflies, small animal habitation and more natural beauty.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk