

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of October 16, 2018 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2018 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 workshop made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the October 16, 2018 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$62,171.50 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the October 16, 2018 Sewer I & II Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$4,895.61 made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Water IA, Seventeenth Draw: Motion to approve the seventeenth draw for Water IA, in the amount of ~~\$57,795.75~~ \$17,517.66, from the Water Project funds made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IB, Seventeenth Draw: Motion to approve the seventeenth draw for Water IB, in the amount of \$58,769.81 from the Water Project funds made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Water IA, Change Order #9: Motion to approve Change Order #9 for Water IA in the amount of ~~\$34,503.26~~ \$257.52 made by Bernice Heidelberg second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Halloween Hours: Motion to set Halloween hours for October 31, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. permanently each year made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning Commission: Motion to approve Lawson Stone as alternate for the Planning Commission made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Computer Server: Walter Ruhl presented information to the board on the township server that is aging and running out of storage space. Motion to approve purchase of a new server with 10 TB of storage to be paid from the Water I project in the amount of \$4,895 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Cemetery Rates: Angela Christensen reported on the need to change some of the cemetery rates for cremations. Motion to approve amending the cemetery rates as presented made by Tim Hill, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0. Cremation Burials with service and vault, Sexton gets \$300.00, the Township charge is \$400. Cremation Burials with service and no vault, Sexton gets \$225, the Township charge is \$275. Cremation Burials without service, vault or no vault, Sexton gets \$175, Township charge is \$225. All Cremation Burials on Sat. or Sun., add \$75.00 to prices quoted. (All charges include tent, chairs, ground cover, grave cover, table, open & close of grave.)

Whiteford Township Sign: Motion to approve replacement of Whiteford Township sign to hang on the MITRP building at a cost of \$485 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Curt and Susan Dickie Complaint: Township Attorney Alex Drescher addressed the board on elected officials stating an opinion. He advised the board of their legal right to state their opinion to avoid a silencing effect.

Water Report: Walter Ruhl stated we are now into Liquidated Damages of \$500 per day because we do not have substantial completion. All tanks and lines have been sanitized and we are waiting for vendors to repair their problems with equipment. Residents in the Water Districts can expect a letter informing them when water will be available. A Grand Opening will be planned, the first week of November.

Sewer II Report: Walter Ruhl reported the Flo-dar meter has broken and will be sent back to factory with an estimated cost of \$1,200 for repair. Other options are being discussed with Sylvania.

Road Report: Walter Ruhl and Bob Schnipke informed the board of the need for an additional mowing along township roads. Motion to approve a third yearly mowing of front side of ditches contracted with Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500 per year for one year made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl presented the board with a letter from John Decker on all improvements made to Stoneco Park by the Bedford Baseball Club. There will be a Grand Opening for the disc golf course in the spring.

New Fire Truck: Tim Hill informed the board the new fire truck had a cab and chassis inspection and we should be receiving the truck around January 1, 2019.

Township Offices: Walter Ruhl suggested the carpet be cleaned in the Whiteford Township offices at a cost of \$250.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: Resident Rex Crigger inquired about the Water I workshop, a cost analysis from Township Engineer David Kubiske, and a timetable for water to the apartments. Other residents had questions on their water meters and possible water lines down Roloff Road.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk