

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 17, 2019

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 27 guests.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of December 17, 2019 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2019 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of December 3, 2019 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the December 17, 2019 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$92,482.17 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the December 17, 2019 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$45,154.53 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the December 17, 2019 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

ALICE Training: Walter Ruhl informed the board on the need to offer ALICE Training to election workers, township committees and to the township board. This would be at little or no cost to the township through the Sheriff Department.

Thornton Drain: Walter Ruhl presented information on township assessment of Thornton Drain. Motion to approve pre-payment of Thornton Drain assessment in the amount of \$4,534.61 to be paid from Drains At Large account made by Tim Hill second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Adler Road: Walter Ruhl and Bob Schnipke informed board members on the need to repair Adler Road in cooperation with Bedford Township. Whiteford Township's contribution would be approximately \$155,500, which also combines the cost of widening Jeffs Road, and could be financed with a bond. Motion to move forward with Adler Road and Jeffs Road repair and financing made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning Commission: Motion to re-appoint Kip VanTassel and Lawson Stone to the Planning Commission for three-year terms ending in 2023 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion to re-appoint Jim Crouch and Carla Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three-year terms ending in 2023 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Cable Committee: Motion to re-appoint Bernice Heidelberg and Denise Hill to the Cable Committee for one-year terms made by Donald Sahloff, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

911 Medical Representative: Motion to re-appoint Jason Sahloff as 911 Medical Representative for one-year term made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Sirens: Walter Ruhl informed the board two of the four civil defense sirens are broken and the cost to repair is approximately \$20,000 apiece. After discussion, motion to repair one siren this fiscal year and to table discussion of repair of second siren until next fiscal year made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Report: Walter Ruhl reported Whiteford Center Fire Department's parking lot lights need new bulbs and will be replaced at a cost of \$700 to be paid from the General Fund budget. Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 9 calls for the month of November 2019. Whiteford Center Fire Department reported 38 calls for the month of November 2019.

Road Report: Bob Schnipke informed the board he is driving the roads and asking feedback on future repairs.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl and Ernie Sasse reported new topsoil has been hauled and leveled, new grass will be seeded in the spring so fields will be ready for play. Base for half-court basketball court at Ottawa Lake Park was installed, foundation for hoop system is in place, and remaining hardware will be installed in the spring. Playground equipment has been delivered and will be installed once warmer weather permits. Because most of the work and some materials have been donated, a list of donors will be displayed once projects are complete.

Public Comment: Resident Justin Billau questioned improvements on ball fields at the park.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen

Whiteford Township Clerk