

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 15, 2022

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. Present were Donald Sahloff, Bernice Heidelberg, Tim Hill, Walter Ruhl, and Township Attorney Alex Drescher attending via Zoom. Angela Christensen was absent. There were also 4 guests.

**Moment of Silence:** Walter Ruhl asked the board and guests to remain standing for a moment of silence for Doug Cassada who passed away last month. Doug served on the Planning Commission and Board of Review for many years.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda of February 15, 2022 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion to approve the February 15, 2022 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Check Registers:** Motion to approve the February 15, 2022 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$105,310.18 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the February 15, 2022 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$22,075.50 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the January, 2022 and February, 2022 Quarterly Water RRI Refund check registers with disbursements totaling \$45,507.90 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Budget Amendments:** Motion to amend the budget by adding from fund balance to: 101-344-707.000 Fireman's Stipend - WCFD, add \$6,300, 101-344-963.001 Fire – OLFD Education & Training, add \$1,100, 101-566-972.002 Water System Initial Setup I-E, add \$50,000, 201-446-939.000 Monroe County Road Commission, add \$6,100, made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Park Report:** Ernie Sasse presented information on building picnic tables for the park. Motion to approve Ernie Sasse building up to eight picnic tables from leftover pavilion wood at a cost of \$250 per table for labor made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Whiteford Township Property on Whiteford Center Road:** Dan Kempa addressed the board with another proposal to purchase the property at Sterns and Whiteford Center Roads. Motion to withdraw from any further negotiations for this property made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Water Report:** None

**Sewer Report:** Walter Ruhl reported Highland Treatment is raising their monthly rate for Sewer I and Sewer II Contractual Service from \$794 to \$854 per month. Motion to approve Highland Treatment as our Operator In Charge for Sewer I and Sewer II made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Fire Report:** Whiteford Station #29 had 30 calls for the month of January, 2022. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 16 calls for the month of January, 2022. Fire Chief Shane Hillard explained Whiteford Station #29 was involved in two accidents in the last few weeks. The first involved the rescue truck striking a parked vehicle while backing up at an accident scene. The second involved the rescue truck backing into a house while on an incident. Motion to approve payment in full to repair the damage to the 2009 Chevrolet truck on January 29, 2022, and to the house at 8100 Whiteford Center Road on

February 5, 2022 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Whiteford Center Fire Station #29 Eavestroughs:** Motion to approve repair of eavestroughs at Whiteford Center Fire Station #29 at a cost of \$600 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Whiteford Center Fire Station #29 Generator:** Walter Ruhl reported a rental generator has been installed at Whiteford Center Fire Station and the old unit will have an engine replacement. Motion to approve engine purchase from Jasper Engine at a cost of \$3,822 for Whiteford Center Fire Station generator replacement made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Site Plan For Township Property on Memorial Hwy.:** Walter Ruhl presented revised site plans for township property on Memorial Hwy. Motion to select Option B to proceed with estimate for site plan made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Road Report:** Walter Ruhl and Bob Schnipke presented information on the need for road work throughout the township and cemetery, and the costs involved. Motion to move forward with Capital Improvement Bond of \$1,000,000 for roads and cemetery made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes, Angela Christensen, absent. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

**Public Comment:** Walter Ruhl concerned about theft from resident's cars, garages, etc. Discussion was held by the board on a stronger Sheriff presence and Block Watch Programs.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Christine Bischoff  
Whiteford Township Deputy Clerk

Angela Christensen  
Whiteford Township Clerk