

## WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 2020

**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, and 6 guests. Walter Ruhl asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for the passing of Jim Crouch who was a member and chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda of June 16, 2020 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.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020 made by Bernice Heidelberg, 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.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion to approve the June 16, 2020 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented 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.

**Check Registers:** Motion to approve the June 16, 2020 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$84,002.12 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. Motion to approve the June 16, 2020 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$65,455.47 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.

**Budget Amendments for Fire Fund:** Motion to approve amending the budget by increasing the Fire revenue account 206-000-582.000 by \$16,355.00 and increasing the Capital Expenditure account 206-340-992.001 by \$16,355.000 made by Bernice Heidelberg, 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.

**Budget Amendments for Water I:** Motion to approve amending the budget by increasing the Water I revenue account 591-000-676.000 by \$16,800.00 and increasing the Operation & Maintenance account 591-541-931.000 by \$16,800.00 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. Motion to approve amending the budget by increasing the following accounts from fund balance: Water I 591-541-931.000 Operation & Maintenance by \$10,000, Water I 591-541-935.000 Mowing & Snowplowing by \$3,725, and Water I Software 591-541-852.000 by \$590 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.

**Water Plant Addition:** Walter Ruhl informed the board a forensic archeologist is required for the water building expansion and the state no longer supplies this service. Motion to approve paying \$4,800 for a forensic archeologist from Commonwealth Heritage Group for the water building expansion 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.

**Rezoning Request By George and Sharon Horkey:** Discussion was held on request by George and Sharon Horkey, 15275 Dixon Road, Dundee, Michigan 48131 regarding parcel #5815-011-002-00, located at 5248 St. Anthony Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267, containing 15 acres, zoned AG - Agricultural. Appellant is requesting zoning change from AG -

Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential in order to split off 2.7 acres containing the house and barn. Motion to approve zoning request 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.

**Rezoning Request By Russell and Susan Malnar:** Discussion was held on request by Russell and Susan Malnar, 10400 Sylvania-Petersburg Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 regarding parcel #5815-010-018-00. Appellant is requesting zoning change from R-3 Medium Density Residential to R-2 Low Density Residential in order to combine this parcel to a parcel split from #5815-010-017-031 owned by William Decker, Inc. Motion to approve zoning request 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 Robert and Rebecca Fielder:** Discussion was held on request by Robert and Rebecca Fielder, 4860 Smith Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 regarding parcel #5815-036-018-00. Appellant is requesting zoning change from R-1 Rural Residential to R-2 Low Density Residential in order to split off two acres from the parent parcel. Motion to approve zoning request 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.

**Rezoning Request By Linda Russell:** Discussion was held on request by Linda Russell, 9222 Head-O-Lake Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267 regarding parcel #5815-017-008-10. Appellant is requesting zoning change from AG - Agricultural to R-2 Low Density Residential in order to split off 1.67 acres for the purpose of building a new home. Motion to approve zoning request made by Bernice Heidelberg second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, no, Bernice Heidelberg, no, Angela Christensen, no, Walter Ruhl, no. Motion denied 4-1.

**DUX Camping Permit:** Motion to approve camping permit for DUX Motorcycle Club made by Angela Christensen, 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.

**Road Report:** Walter Ruhl reported mowing on county and state roads is in progress and township road mowing will begin after July 1. A drain will be replaced on Whiteford Center Road.

**Fire Report:** Ottawa Lake Fire Department reported 17 calls for the month of May, 2020.

**Park Report:** Walter Ruhl and Ernie Sasse reported 16 loads of top soil were spread on ball fields and grass seed has been planted. The Dunmyer Pavilion has been delivered and equipment will be required to install. The Ottawa Lake Park basketball hoop has been installed.

**Water Report:** Walter Ruhl informed the board the "Cross Connection and Backflow Preventer" Report has been completed and letters have been sent to the customers that are considered "high risk" by the state. The "Water Quality Report" has also been completed and mailed out with the July utility bills and will be published in the Monroe News. As of July 1, 2020, Rob Dandron will be working part-time but still be responsible for the state reports at the Water Plant.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Walter Ruhl invited anyone interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals to contact him.

**Public Comment:** Bernice Heidelberg inquired about the Sheriff contract and rising costs.

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

Angela Christensen

Whiteford Township Clerk