

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 18, 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, Tim Hill, Bernice Heidelberg, Walter Ruhl, and Township Attorney, Alex Drescher. Angela Christensen was absent, Christine Bischoff was acting secretary. There were also 3 guests, along with 7 guests attending via zoom.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of October 18, 2022 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of October 4, 2022 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the Closed Session minutes of October 4, 2022 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 20, 2022 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the October 18, 2022 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$77,811.76 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve the October 18, 2022 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$59,050.55 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the October 18, 2022 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Budget Amendments: Motion to amend the budget by adding from the respective fund balances to: 101-344-985.000 Equipment- Fire Department, \$4000.00, 101-566-972.002 Water System – Initial Setup 1-E, \$75,000.00, 101-566-972.005 Sewer System - Sterns & Whiteford Center Rd., \$2500.00, 101-566-972.006 Township Fire Hall, \$8,000.00, 101-751-771.000 Inventory – Cost of Goods Sold, \$2,000.00, 101-751-870.000 Fuel, \$700.00, 101-751-956.000 Manager, \$3,000, 101-751-976.000 Land Improvement, \$15,000.00, 101-751-976.001 Land Improvement – Labor, \$10,000.00, 272-446-930.000 Repair & Maintenance – Private Roads, \$7,160.00, 591-541-931.001 Operation & Maintenance – Meter Repair, \$2,500.00, made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Sewer, Neptune Software: Motion to approve paying Ferguson invoice for Neptune 360 software plan in the amount of \$2,145.60 and setup charges in the amount of \$4,333 from BAN monies made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Water I, Ohio Heavy Hauling: Motion to approve paying Ohio Heavy Hauling, LLC, invoice for four water connections on Consear Road in the amount of \$30,000 made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Water I, Kolar Electric: Motion to approve paying Kolar Electric invoice for Water Plant pump repair in the amount of \$11,850 from RRI monies made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Family Court Awareness Proclamation: Supervisor Walter Ruhl read the Family Court Awareness Proclamation supporting Family Court Awareness Month. Motion to approve the Family Court Awareness Proclamation made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Resolution To Establish Planning And Zoning Fees: Motion to approve Resolution To Establish Planning And Zoning Fees made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Water: Walter Ruhl suggested a 12% pay increase for Water Plant employees plus health insurance, and a possible 18% increase in water rates. He also suggested the board revisit HSA options. Motion to table until more health insurance information is available made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Shane Hillard reported Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 15 calls for the month of September, 2022 and the tanker is back in service.

Road Report: Motion to approve contract for engineering design of Hicker Road bridge for Township share of \$63,243 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve payment for tree removal on Whiteford Center Road to 4 Point Tree Service in the amount of \$1,500 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve payment for removal of three Mulberry trees to 4 Point Tree Service in the amount of \$600 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Donald Sahloff. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve payment for tree removal on Green Road to 4 Point Tree Service in the amount of \$1,500 made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Motion to approve Monroe County Road Commission contract to replace culvert on Head-O-Lake Road in the amount of \$6,864 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 4-0, 1 absent. Walter Ruhl reported Jeffs Road has been widened and repaved, and a cross culvert has been replaced.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl informed the board the Fall Festival was very successful and \$50,000 was raised for new playground equipment.

Township Information: Walter Ruhl informed board members about MTA class on assessing.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: School Board "Meet The Candidates" will be at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Temperance Road, on October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

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

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk