

RAY TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M.
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Location: Ray Township Hall
64255 Wolcott. Ray, MI 48096

Present: Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor
Lori Lascoe, Clerk
Doug Stier, Treasurer
Charlie Bohm, Trustee
Betty Grader, Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL.
Supervisor Jarzyna called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All members were present.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Stier removed agenda item 9.g. Outdoor and Opening Burning Ordinance from the agenda.
Lascoe added agenda item 8. h. Recreation Report

MOTION Bohm supported by Grader to approve the agenda as amended.
MOTION carried.

3. Correspondence: None.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Jarzyna asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address.

Jeff Yaroch, State Representative of District 33, thanked the Board for allowing him to come and speak to the residents before the meeting. He explained he was on the Richmond City Council for seventeen years. He stated he is working on road funding and wants to help MDOT to be more efficient and is looking into how other states fund the roads. Further state he plans to visit each community in his district twice a year.

Terry Goike, 21122 32 Mile Road, stated on May 6th, 2017 there will be a bottle drive to benefit the Library Renovation project from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the recycling center. On behalf of Delores Fowler, she wished Ray Township a Happy Birthday. She stated a book is being written regarding the Cascades and the couple is looking for information or photos if anyone has any information they should contact her. Further stated the library renovations should begin mid-May and the library will be closed for three weeks.

Bill Kehrer, 20015 30 Mile Road asked the Clerk if she had any information about new voting machines.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2017 and April 4, 2017
MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the minutes from March 21, 2017 as presented.
MOTION carried.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the minutes from April 4, 2017 as presented.
MOTION carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS
Stier stated the bills list through of March 13, 2017 and April 12, 2017 with a grand total of \$71,427.05
MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the bills list dated April 12, 2017 and March 13, 2017 in the amount of \$71,427.05.
MOTION carried.

Grader asked for clarification of the compensation time payout for the Planning/Zoning Administrator. Further requested the employee description be corrected to Planning/Zoning Clerk as reflected in the compensation schedule.

7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

a. Supervisor Jarzyna stated he received a letter from the Department of Roads and the bridge on 28 Mile Road at the North Branch of the Clinton River will be constructed this year, with no cost to Ray Township. The bridge structures at 27 and 30 Mile Roads at the North Branch of the Clinton River were physically removed in 2012 and 2011 at the request of HCMA, they have no plans to reconstruct them since they have been closed to traffic since the 60's and 70's. The bridges cost would need to be 100% local funds. Further stated the bridge on 29 Mile Road at Camp Brook Drain will be replaced.

Jarzyna reported Macomb County is celebrating Arbor Day, with affordable trees, shrubs and plants for purchase on Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th, 2017 at Freedom Hill. Further stated for more information the website is www.green.macombgov.org.

Jarzyna reported there are no tax tribunal cases this year.

Jarzyna reported the Gass Family has donated a bell to the Friends of the Ray Township Library and Historical Society. The Society has asked if they could store the bell in the Township barn.

Grader stated she would like to see a picture of the bell.

Stier asked the dimensions of the bell.

Terry Goike, 21122 32 Mile Road stated she assumes it is a farm bell. Further stated they would like to see the bell displayed or possibly placed in the park.

Jarzyna reported Kathryn Trapp was the Interim Director for the Easter Egg Hunt and she did a great job.

b. Clerk Lascoe reported the County Clerk had a voting machine demonstrations at the Macomb Intermediate School District on the mornings of April 4, 5, and 6 for the local clerks. She reported Clerk Spranger selected the ES&S voting machine which is the machine endorsed by the Secretary of State. Further stated the Township will have to purchase three voting machines.

Lascoe announced the New Haven School District election is two weeks away on May 2nd, 2017. The Clerks' Office will be open on Saturday, April 29th, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an absentee ballot.

Lascoe thanked the seniors for stuffing the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

b. Treasurer Stier had nothing to report.

c. Trustee Grader & Trustee Bohm had nothing to report.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to receive and file the Officer's Report as presented.

MOTION carried.

8. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing
- b. Building Department
- c. Fire Department Report
- d. Library Report
- e. Senior Report

- f. SMART/Lenox Report
- g. Budget Report
- h. Recreation Report

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to receive and file the Department Reports for April 2017.
MOTION carried.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Taylor Blight – Bohm stated the Taylor blight was postponed to May 8, 2017. The Judge indicated it is the last postponement and to get the site cleaned up or otherwise he will sentence him.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to table the Taylor Blight until the next meeting.
MOTION carried.**

- b. Businesses in Residential Areas – Jarzyna stated he is working on a letter to the residents and he will meet with Bohm to go over the details. He stated then he will meet with Grader. Further stated he will meet with each trustee separately to comply with the open meeting act.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to Table Businesses in Residential Areas to the next meeting.
MOTION carried.**

- c. CDBG funding for Senior Hand Rail – Lascoe stated a bid opening was held on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. Two bids were received, the first bid was submitted by JSS Macomb, LLC and the base bid was \$8,946.00 and the alternate bid was \$9,246.00. The second bid was submitted by D Fence, LLC and the base bid was \$3,681.00 and the alternate bid was \$3,800.00. Further stated she contacted the County for eligibility of the bids.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to Table the CDBG funding for the Senior Hand Rail to the next meeting.
MOTION carried.**

- d. Fill/Removal Ordinance – Jarzyna reported the Township Engineer has reviewed the proposed fill/removal ordinance and he changed the size of the fill material to three inches in size instead of twelve inches and the cubic yards was changed to 2,000 cubic yards instead of 5,000 cubic yards. Further stated the Township Attorney has not provided her review at this time.

Bohm stated the Township Engineer and Township Attorney usually discuss the issues. Further advised Jarzyna to contact them.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to table the Fill/Removal Ordinance and to forward a copy to the Township Attorney for review.
MOTION carried.**

- e. Request to Install Security Cameras for the Senior Center, Hallway and Treasurers Office – Stier stated he received an email from Chief DiMaria and the resident donating the brand new security system and cameras indicated the system should be delivered approximately May 1st, 2017. Further stated cabling will have to be completed.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to Table the Request to Install Security Cameras for the Senior Center, Hallway and Treasurers Office including cabling and software until completed.
MOTION carried.**

f. Recreation Leader position – Stier reported he and Jarzyna interviewed five applicants for the Recreation Leader position. Further recommended to extend an offer of employment to Agathe Show for the part time Recreation Leader position with the starting hourly rate of \$13.00 with the potential of \$1.00 increase after the first event.

MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to offer the part time Recreation Leader position to Agathe Show at the hourly rate of \$13.00 with the potential of \$1.00 increase after the first event.
MOTION carried.

g. Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance – Removed from the agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Request additional funds for lodging for Treasurer to attend Advance Institute Schedule & Topics; MTA Conference, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Stier stated the Board approved five-hundred dollars for him to attend the conference and for lodging. He stated he would need an additional fifty dollars for his hotel. Further stated he plans to ride with the Macomb Township Treasurer so there should not be any expense for mileage.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the additional \$50.00 for the Treasurer to attend the Advance Institute Schedule and Topics MTA Conference and Lodging in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
MOTION carried.

b. Request authorization to publish Noxious Weed Eradication Public Notice - Jarzyna stated the Noxious Weed Eradication Ordinance is not required to be published.

Bohm stated the ordinance was published yearly but there have not been any violations in the past couple years.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to not publish the Noxious Weed Eradication Public Notice.
MOTION carried.

c. Planning Commission Annual Report. – Jarzyna stated the Board received the annual report.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report.
MOTION carried.

d. Ray Township Employee Manual Appendix 1, 2, and 3. – Jarzyna stated the Appendix 1, 2 and 3 was already approved by the Board.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to add the Appendix 1, 2, and 3 to the Ray Township Employee Manual and to distribute to the employees.
MOTION carried.

e. Request to Implement Summer Office Hours; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Jarzyna recommended implementing summer office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He stated the office is very quiet after 3:45 p.m. and voicemail messages are left before 9:00 a.m. Further stated the employees are in favor of the summer hours, the Accountant would keep her current hours of 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Lascoe recommended implementing the summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Bohm stated the late afternoon business is contractors coming in for permits.

Grader stated the summer hours should be posted on the Township website.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to Implement Summer Office Hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from Memorial Day to Labor Day and to post the office hours on the bulletin board and website.
MOTION carried.**

f. Ray Township Newsletter - Jarzyna reported in the last newsletter there was a battery give away and seven residents came in for the battery, one being an employee. The Board received the cost for publishing and mailing the newsletter.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to reduce the Township Newsletter to one heavy stock page, printed on both sides as every door mailer.
MOTION carried.**

g. Ray Township Picnic – Stier stated he feels it's too late to receive donations from big box stores for a picnic. He stated in years past there has been donated items that have been raffled off.

Bohm stated the Township has seen a decline in residents at the Township picnic. Further stated there is a Resolution for recreation activities for the community.

Grader stated she is not in favor of getting rid of the picnic.

Jarzyna stated other communities offer concerts in the park and have large turn outs. He stated he contacted the Lions Club and they have a food trailer and would provide food.

Bohm stated there could be a concert in the park with activities for the children and the Fire Department could have the car show.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to Table the Ray Township Picnic to the next meeting.
MOTION carried.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ellen Virdra, 21242 30 Mile Road, stated the fabricating business on 30 Mile Road is still running his business on the residential zoned property. She stated a semi-truck makes deliveries to the residence and blocks the driveways. She submitted photos of a semi-truck on 30 Mile Road to the Board. She questioned where the industrial waste is being dumped and stated her concern with the surrounding wells in the area.

Kevin Morton, 21511 30 Mile Road, stated the Taylor blight issue is in court and the site is east of Bohm's property.

Ellen Virdra, 21242 30 Mile Road stated the fabricating business is an industrial business in a residential neighborhood.

Art Beier, 21241 30 Mile Road, asked if the business on 30 Mile Road is being taxes as a business.

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Tom Hancock, Chairman of Planning Commission, stated the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing regarding the fabricating business and the request was denied by the Planning Commission. Further stated the business should not be operating at the residence.

Jarzyna received a letter from a resident, stating he was in favor of the welder since he did on-site welding on his farm equipment. Further stated he wrote the letter when it went before the Planning Commission

Kevin Morton, 21511 30 Mile Road, stated the fabricating business does not keep all of his equipment inside the barn. Further inquired if the business is on the Townships list of operating in a residential area.

Art Beier, 21241 30 Mile Road, stated the fabricating business should be taxed as an industrial use.

Jim Ahern, 67501 Brian Drive, stated the resident is not just welding for farmers, he stated he is operating a heavy industrial shop. He stated he purchased property on Brian Drive for his business and is complying with all of the Township requirements for his business which is costing him a lot of money. He stated it is unfair to be able to operate a heavy industrial business so close to residences. He stated there is heavy equipment outside and a backhoe. Further stated he would have rather bought a piece of property and parked all of his equipment inside a pole barn.

Mary Borgman, 21260 30 Mile Road, stated they have been working with the Planners and the Supervisor for their site. She stated she has a beautiful home and feels sorry for the neighbors that have to live near the fabricating business. She stated they are paying thousands of dollars to develop their site. Further stated the fabricating business should have to pay for licensing, insurance and bonding. Further stated the businesses that are on the Township list have been hand selected. Further stated there is a property on 30 Mile Road that has thirty vehicles on the site, which is blight.

Resident stated the owner of the fabricating business was friends with Board members. Further stated the business is still at the residence.

Terry Goike, 21122 32 Mile Road stated in the newspaper it stated the Township was allowing amnesty for the long-term businesses. Further asked why the Township has allowed the businesses to operate illegally.

Art Beier, 21241 30 Mile Road, stated the fabricating business has not been in business for ten years. Further stated Maertens enforced the ordinance when he was the Township Supervisor.

Harold Dixon, 23511 28 Mile Road, stated his neighbor has a new septic field and filled in the swale between their properties and the water is draining onto his property. He requested an inspection of his property.

Ed Constantine, 22600 29 Mile Road, inquired who filed the complaint regarding the Taylor blight. He stated he was the Code Enforcement officer and has files of the violations and would provide them to the Township.

Lyle Fleischmann, Brian Drive, inquired about the fill/removal ordinance.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk

Date

Lori R. Lascoe, Recording Secretary