Location: Ray Township Hall

64255 Wolcott, Ray, Michigan 48096

Present: Charles Bohm, Supervisor

Paula Artman, Clerk

Douglas Stier, Treasurer

Betty Grader, Trustee

John Zoccola, Trustee

Also present - 12 residents.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - MOTION by Mr. Zoccola to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – no public comments.
3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
4. **Priest Drain Project –** Mr. Bohm said he has now received written permission from all properties regarding this project. He would like direction from the Board to re-advertise this contract for bids. Mr. Zoccola said since we had a hard time getting people to bid on this project, he suggested getting a direct contract, or work order from a company to get the work done. Discussion continued concerning the clean-up and the bid. Mr. Bohm stated the specs have been altered on the original bid. Ms. Grader asked if the inspections were added as requested. It was confirmed it was added. Also confirmed were the permissions obtained from all three property owners.

**MOTION by Mr. Zoccola to re-bid the Priest Drain Project, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.**

1. **Abandoned Homes & Businesses** – Mr. Bohm said the Board Members had his update on the Abandoned homes and businesses. The four properties that are known to be in violation are listed on the document. Mr. Bohm briefly explained the update. The Kukuk property has a lien on the property; the Lacey property has a buyer; the DeVischer property has not been probated, no action; and Diener property – no action to respond to request.

**MOTION by Ms. Grader to remove the Abandoned Homes & Businesses List from the Agenda, supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

1. **Appointments to the Recreation Committee –**

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to go with the Recreation Director’s recommendation of not renewing the terms of expiring members, Kim Slavik, Tina Virga and Lois Schneider, and send to them letters of thanks for serving on the Committee, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.**

Ms. Artman stated these people are still welcome to volunteer to serve on any of the committees and help at any functions, even though not formally on the Committee at this time.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Director to appoint Kathryn Trapp, Denise Mathews and Mike Viaene, each for a two-year term, to the Recreation Committee, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.**

The Recreation Director would like to expand the Committee to 7 members, adding two additional members. Mr. Bohm said he did not have anything from Teresa Matthews in writing stating she would like to serve on this committee. Sam Emiah said she had something from her and would forward to Mr. Bohm. She is also adding Christy DeMeulenaere. It was questioned if the bylaws should be changed first, before action taken on these appointments.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to table the request of the Recreation Director to expand the Recreation Committee to 7 members, and the appointment of 2 new members, until the next regular meeting when the bylaws can be amended, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.**

1. **Taylor Blight –** Mr. Bohm said the title search was received, and he instructed the Attorney to file the lawsuit today. Mr. Bohm suggested tabling this item.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to table 4d, Taylor Blight, supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

1. **Businesses in Residential Areas –** Mr. Bohm explained he and Paula represented the Board at the meetings held regarding this matter. Mr. Bohm explained Lisa Hall worked on this list extensively, checking numerous sources for accuracy. Mr. Bohm went through the two pages of lists and explained the categories. He said the attorney is on Board with the list. He explained the options to the Board as set forth by the attorney, as outlined in the proposed details in the Home Occupation III language developed by the Township Planners.

Discussion commenced concerning the Home Occupation Proposal.

Ms. Grader stated her reasons for changes to the proposed language.

Mr. Bohm said letters will be sent to those necessary for notification. Mr. Bohm discussed all of the twelve people on the list; he said they will have to come to the Planning Commission for Special Land Use. He said the fees should be waived for those on the list to come to the Planning Commission. Ms. Artman said it is not our intent to be going after any one. She said we just want to clean up the residential area.

Ms. Grader wanted clarified about the four people who had 5 acres. Mr. Bohm clarified four people have five acres or more. She asked if those having less than 5 acres are not eligible. Ms. Artman said no, the acreage should not be listed. Ms. Grader said she didn’t have a problem with that. She pointed out the term “current” business owner. She said it’s questionable if the Planning Commission will comply, and give permission if these people will go before the Planning Commission. Ms. Grader said we will have a new Board in 47 days; perhaps they should be able to give their input. Ms. Grader said the current Board can add language as well. She said we should be able to resolve these issues without court action. Mr. Bohm said we should be able to resolve these issues, but we have to recommend to the Planning Commission. Mr. Zoccola said our goal is to eliminate this from happening in the future.

Discussion continued regarding Type III, and the storage of commercial vehicles. It was noted, this is a suggestion from our Planners, reviewed by our Attorney, according to Mr. Bohm.

Ms. Grader suggested a non-conforming ordinance. Mr. Bohm said it can be suggested, but must go through the Planning Commission. Ms. Grader said those people have been in business for many years and it has been allowed for many years. Ms. Grader said she felt it should be tabled to get the input from the new Board. Mr. Bohm said he has notified the new Board and only one verbal reply was received. He did give them an opportunity for input.

Ms. Grader suggested eliminating the minimum of five acres under C. Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Selected Residential Districts.

Discussion continued regarding changing the wording, to help the Planners come up with some language to make the ordinance ready to go the Planning Commission to resolve the issue at hand. It was suggested Ms. Grader come to the meeting on Thursday or come up with language by Thursday. Mr. Bohm said he has worked too hard on this issue to put this aside until the next Board comes into office. He would like to resolve it and send it to the Planning Commission as soon as possible. The Type III Ordinance was discussed as it would relate to those listed.

Ms. Artman said we need to amend the requirements. Mr. Bohm said he would like some input, not tabling this matter.

**MOTION by Ms. Artman to table 4e. Businesses in Residential Areas List, for further clarification of the Home Occupation III language until we can speak with the Planners and the Attorney to amend subtitle C. Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Selected Residential Districts 1- eliminate the minimum of five (5) acres and #2, located within Section 35 because these requirements will not allow the businesses to be compliant. Once amended, the matter will be brought back to the Board for review and further action. Motion supported by Ms. Grader. Motion carried.**

**f. CDBG – Handicapped Accessibility Electronic Door Opener –** Ms. Artman said bids were sent out for the Handicapped Accessibility Electronic Door Opener. The lowest bid was KVM Door, in the amount $1,725. She recommends accepting this bid.

**MOTION by Mr.** **Stier to go with the recommendation of the Clerk to accept the lowest bid of KVM Door, in the amount of $1,725 for a Handicapped Accessibility Electronic Door Opener for the Senior Center North side door purchased with CDBG Funding, supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ed Constantine - 22600 29 Mile Rd.,** spoke regarding the Supervisor as the enforcement officer and current procedures followed and those procedures followed in the past. Mr. Constantine commented on the Treasurer or his representative being in house when paying his taxes.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., supported by Ms. Grader. Motion carried.**

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**Charlie Bohm, Supervisor Paula Artman, Clerk Date**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcia Jamroz, Recording Secretary**