

RAY TOWNSHIP TOWSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 AT 7:00 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

Absent: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL.  
Supervisor Jarzyna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
All members were present.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to approve the agenda as presented.**  
**MOTION carried.**
3. CORRESPONDENCES: None.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Jarzyna asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address.  
  
Joe DeBash, 60970 North Avenue questioned if anyone had learned anything from the Flint, MI water contamination and stated water is more important than controlling the weeds. He stated the wind could carry the chemicals through the air when being sprayed. Further stated he will contact he FBI for an investigation if the spraying is done.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 17, 2018  
**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to approve the minutes from July 17, 2018 as presented.**  
**MOTION carried.**
6. BUDGET MODIFICATION  
Stier presented a request from the Fire Department for a budget modification to cover the cost of the new Tango Rescue Unit, the communication radios and for the repair and maintenance of the fire trucks, totaling \$334,000.00.  
**MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to approve the budget modification as submitted.**  
**FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Stier, Bohm, Lascoe, Grader, Jarzyna**  
**No: None.**  
**MOTION carried.**
7. APPROVAL OF BILLS  
Stier stated the bills list is through August 16, 2018 in the amount of \$134,597.88.  
**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to approve the bills list dated July 11, 2018 in the amount of \$134,597.88.**  
**MOTION carried.**

8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported the Macomb County Road Commission notified of the temporary closing of the 29 Mile Road bridge over the North Branch of the Clinton River for repairs. He stated the estimated closing is September 4<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Jarzyna reported the Village of Romeo Board of Trustees approved a resolution to annex part of Ray Township, Section 6, north of 32 Mile Road, east of Powell, up to the Proctor Cemetery. He stated according to the Township Attorney, Bob Seibert, no one has approached Ray about a 425 intergovernmental agreement regarding the parcels.

- b. Clerk Lascoe reported there was a 38.4% voter turn-out for the primary election and Ray Township had the second highest turnout in the County. She reported 397 absentee ballots were issued and 381 absentee ballots were returned for the absentee counting board. On election day Precinct 1 had 294 voters and Precinct 2 had 452 voters. She thanked the election workers for working the election.

Lascoe reported Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is the last day to register to vote for the November 6<sup>th</sup> general election. The Clerks office will be open Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to obtain an absentee ballot. If anyone would like an absentee ballot they can get an application on the Township website under the Clerks Department or contact the Clerk's office.

- c. Treasurer Stier reported a resident had contacted him about a drone flying near their home. He stated he contacted the Michigan State Police and was advised residents should call the non-emergency number and their statement will be taken. He stated they will send a car out to determine if the owner is flying the drone near other persons property with malicious intent. Further stated the Michigan State Police non-emergency number is 313-237-2450.

Stier stated he attended the August 20,2018 Village of Romeo Meeting and stated if the Village of Romeo annexes the property, public sewer would be available to the property.

- d. Trustee Grader asked if the 32 Mile Road property owner went to the Village of Romeo and requested the Village annex the Ray Township parcels?

- e. Trustee Bohm had nothing to report.

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

9. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing
- b. Budget Report
- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report
- e. Library Report
- f. Recreation Report
- g. Senior Report
- h. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS Report

Jarzyna reviewed the department's monthly reports for July 2018.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to receive and file the July 2018 Department Reports.  
MOTION carried.**

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Consent Judgment for Four Star Development for proposed sewer connection to Shelby Twp. Jarzyna stated he received a call from Macomb County Public Works and they have composed a letter for Ray and Shelby Townships to review. He stated the letter is going to be e-mailed by August 22, 2018. Jarzyna reported the letter will be forwarded to the Township Attorney and Engineer.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to table item 10a.) Consent Judgment for Four Star Development for proposed sewer connection to Shelby Township.  
MOTION carried.**

c. Request to participate in Phragmite matching grant with Macomb County Dept of Roads Jarzyna reported the Macomb County Department of Roads advised that Tri-County Aquatics, Inc. has withdrawn from the contract. Further stated Macomb County will advise when program is ready to begin.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to table item 10c.) until contacted by Macomb County Department of Roads.  
MOTION carried.**

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fire Department Request to purchase hazardous material equipment.

Chief DiMaria advised the Haz-Mat team is requesting to purchase equipment to improve the Haz-Mat operations with monitoring equipment that will be able to identify many of the chemicals and products that may be harmful to our citizens, Haz-Mat team and firefighters.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve Fire Department request for \$6,401.60 to purchase Haz Mat equipment as requested.  
MOTION carried**

b. Resolution 2018-06 to waive Penalties for Non-Filing of Property Transfer Affidavits under MCL 211.27b

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to Adopt Resolution 2018-06 to Waive Penalties for Non-Filing of Property Transfer Affidavits under MCL 211.27b.**

**WHEREAS, MCL 211.27a(10) requires the buyer, grantee, or other transferee of the property shall notify the appropriate assessing office in the local unit of government in which the property is located of the transfer of ownership of the property within 45 days of the transfer of ownership, on a form prescribed by the state tax commission that states the parties to the transfer, the date of the transfer, the actual consideration for the transfer, and the property's parcel identification number or legal description and**

**WHEREAS, MCL 211.27b (1) requires that if the buyer, grantee, or other transferee in the immediately preceding transfer of ownership of property do not notify the appropriate assessing office of the transfer, then penalties as described in MCL 211.27b(1)(c) or (d) are levied and**

**WHEREAS, MCL 211.27b(5) provides that the governing body of a local tax collecting unit may waive, by resolution, the penalty levied under MCL 211.27b(1)(c) or (d).**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Ray waives the penalty for failure to file the Property Transfer Affidavit following a transfer of ownership pursuant to the local unit's authority contained in MCL 211.27b.**

**For this Resolution: Yes: Stier, Lascoe, Bohm, Grader, Jarzyna.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED: August 21, 2018.**

**MOTION carried**

c. Avigation Easement Offer from MDOT – Proctor Cemetery

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to allow Supervisor to accept MDOT \$4,000.00 offer to purchase Avigation Easement for the Proctor Cemetery Airspace.**

**MOTION carried.**

d. Room Request & Pavilions 1 & 2: Ray Township Public Library for Trunk to Treasures

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to approve the Library request on June 21, 2019 (2 p.m. to 8 p.m.) and June 22, 2019 (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) for the Pavilion 1 & 2 and room as requested.**

**MOTION carried**

e. Planning Consultant contract

Jarzyna stated Jack Dailey and Jerome Schmeiser, Planning Consultants have submitted notice of resignation but will stay on until the Board had found a replacement.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to accept the resignation of Jack Daily and Jerry Schmeiser, Planning Consultants with regrets.**

**Motion carried.**

Jarzyna recommended with the retirement of the current planners, he recommended Steve Cassin as the Planner. He explained Mr. Cassin has proposed the same contract rate.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to accept Cassin Planning Group LLC agreement as presented for Planning Consultant services.**

**MOTION carried.**

f. Reappointment of Recreation Committee member

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to reappoint Michael Viaene to the Ray Township Recreation Committee for a 2-year term expiring October 4, 2018.**

**MOTION carried.**

g. Room Request; Mitten Thumb Machine Knitters

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve Mitten Thumb Machine Knitters room use request for Saturday September 22, 2018 hours 10 a.m. to 3. p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Brown, 18955 29 Mile Road, she noted the Township has made DEQ material available regarding the DEQ approved chemicals to be used for spraying phragmites. She asked the supervisor had any concerns regarding chemicals to be used for spraying phragmites?

Terry Goike, 21122 32 Mile Road, stated the Friends of the Library have applied for a grant and will receive notification by September 11, 2018. They will be conducting a bottle drive on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until Noon, bottles will also be accepted on Thursdays at the Library. They have decided to work with Washington and Romeo on the calendar and will be seeking sponsors.

13. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

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Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

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Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk

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Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary