

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
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Location: Zoom Conference Meeting Id: 237 833 086
Password: 6425548096

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Betsy Bart, Chief DiMaria, Debra Dunn, Joe Guzdziol, Nathan McKee & Stacy Sobotka

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES & ROLL CALL.
Supervisor Jarzyna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Lascoe called roll; Jarzyna, Lascoe, Stier, Bohm, and Grader were present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Stier requested to Table: Unfinished Business items a and b.
MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to table Unfinished Business items a and b as requested.
FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Stier, Lascoe, Grader, Bohm, Jarzyna
No: None

MOTION carried.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve the agenda as amended.
FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Bohm, Stier, Grader, Lascoe, Jarzyna
No: None

MOTION carried.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items - Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comments portion of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, a person wishing to speak must virtually raise their hand to be recognized by the Township Supervisor. The Supervisor will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comments.

No public comments at this time.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020
MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bohm to approve the minutes from March 17, 2020 as submitted.
FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Lascoe, Bohm, Stier, Grader, Jarzyna
No: None

MOTION carried.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the special minutes from March 24, 2020 as submitted.

FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Lascoe, Stier, Bohm, Grader, Jarzyna
No: None

MOTION carried.

6. BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Stier reviewed the budget modifications as presented.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve budget modifications as presented.

FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Bohm, Stier, Lascoe, Grader, Jarzyna

No: None

MOTION carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

Stier stated the bills list through April 15, 2020 totals \$114,278.92. He requested to add \$960.57 to reimburse over payment from the Apple Lane special assessment. Further stated the grand total is \$115,239.49.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the bills list through April 15, 2020 totaling \$115,239.49.

FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Stier, Lascoe, Grader, Bohm, Jarzyna

No: None

MOTION carried.

8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna stated this is a new format for all of us this evening with the Zoom meeting.
- b. Clerk Lascoe stated on August 4, 2020 she submitted the Ray Township Public Library Millage language to the Macomb County Clerk for the August 4, 2020 State Primary election.
- c. Treasurer Stier thanked SYO for setting up the Zoom meeting and for assisting the meeting.
- d. Trustees Grader and Bohm had nothing to report.

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

FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Grader, Bohm, Lascoe, Stier, Jarzyna

No: None

MOTION carried.

9. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing
- b. Budget Report
- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report
- e. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS Report

Jarzyna stated the March Department reports are available and can be requested by phone or email and will be mailed.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to receive and file the March 2020 Department Reports.

FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Stier, Lascoe, Grader, Bohm, Jarzyna

No: None

MOTION carried.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Fire Department request to sell old rescue truck on the MITN site or accept sealed bids.
- b. Duties of Assistant Fire Chief.

Tabled.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Confirmation of phone poll 4/9/2020-Renewal of I AM Responding subscription for Fire Department.
Jarzyna stated the Board approved the subscription on April 9, 2020 by a phone poll.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the 2020 Renewal of I AM Responding subscription for the Fire Department.

**FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Lascoe, Stier, Bom, Grader, Jarzyna
No: None**

MOTION carried.

- b. Macomb Agricultural PDR Committee contribution of \$250.00.
Jarzyna stated the \$250.00 is a yearly contribution to the PDR Committee.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to approve the Macomb Agricultural PDR Committee contribution of \$250.00.

**FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Bohm, Lascoe, Stier, Grader, Jarzyna
No: None**

MOTION carried.

- c. 2020 Clinton River Watershed membership for \$500.00.
Jarzyna stated the request is for the yearly Clinton River Watershed membership.

MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to approve the Clinton River Watershed membership for \$500.00.

**FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Stier, Bohm, Lascoe, Grader, Jarzyna
No: None**

MOTION carried.

- d. 2020 County Road Brine Application.
Jarzyna stated the County will apply two applications of brine at no cost to the Township. Further stated any additional applications would be the Townships responsibility.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Grader to approve the 2020 County Road Brine Application.

**FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Lascoe, Grader, Bohm, Stier, Jarzyna
No: None**

MOTION carried.

- e. Resolution 2020-07 - Resolution addressing the State of Michigan's Response to Covid-19 and the Request to Governor's Office to consider an amendment to Execute Order 2020-42.

**RAY TOWNSHIP
Resolution Number: 2020-07**

**RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S RESPONSE TO COVID -19
AND THE REQUEST TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-42**

The following resolution was offered by Stier and supported by Bohm.

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, and

WHEREAS, in response to the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Michigan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, on March 10, 2020, issued Executive Order 2020-4, declaring a State of Emergency across the State of Michigan under Sec. 1, Art. 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Emergency Management Act, MCL 30.401, et seq., and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945, MCL 10.31, et seq.

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Governor's Executive Order 2020-21, "Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life" ("Order 2020-21"). The stated purpose of Order 2020-21 was, in relevant part, "to suppress the spread of COVID-19, to prevent the state's health care system from being overwhelmed, to allow time for the production of critical test kits, ventilators, and personal protective equipment, and to avoid needless deaths, it is reasonable and necessary to direct residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible."

WHEREAS, On April 9, 2020, the Governor issued Order 2020-42, which essentially rescinded and restated Order 2020-21 and, extended the stay at home mandate ("Order 2020-42"). While the stated purposes of the Orders remain unchanged, Order 2020-42 places additional restrictions on those businesses which are deemed essential, for example, home improvement stores are allowed to stay open, but only to sell "products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and basic operations of residences." Requiring stores like Home Depot to close its paint section, flooring section and outdoor gardening center and continued to restrict landscaping, lawncare, tree service, irrigation, and related outdoor maintenance companies from operating.

WHEREAS, the Township of Ray understands the gravity of the pandemic and the intent of the Order to prohibit in-person work that is not necessary to sustain or protect life." Order 2020-42, Section 1, as well as the mandate that, "No person or entity shall operate a business or conduct operations that require workers to leave their homes or places of residence except to the extent that those workers are necessary to sustain or protect life or to conduct minimum basic operations". Order 2020-42, Section 4

WHEREAS, as a result of the Executive Orders, Ray Township residents along with all Michigan residents have complied with these orders in spite of the restrictions placed upon their ability to work outside their homes and earn a living to support themselves and their families. Many locally owned businesses have been forced to close and more than one million people in the State of Michigan have filed for unemployment.

WHEREAS, the Township of Ray acknowledges that the initial terms of these Executive Orders were set forth to reduce the spread of the COVID -19 virus and to "flatten the curve" of new cases in order to ease the strain upon the healthcare system it also acknowledges, the suggestion posed by members of the State Legislature to consider an amendment to these Orders designating business sectors of our society by a different classification, that of "safe or unsafe" as more reasonable way to manage this public health challenge while avoiding further damage to our economy and the lives of residents and business owners.

WHEREAS U.S. Representative Paul Mitchell stated in part: "The governor should issue a public health order that aligns with the Centers for Disease Control guidance to mitigate the transmission of the virus, rather than her current more restrictive and arbitrary executive order. The CDC guidelines lay out very specific steps to protect public health that were developed by experts. Businesses can ensure people remain six feet apart, properly sanitize, set up sneeze guards and protective barriers, promote proper handwashing and cleaning techniques for their employees, while also protecting customers with similar guidelines. People can buy gardening supplies to plant their spring gardens or buy a can of paint for touch up work in compliance with CDC guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Instead of needlessly shutting down large sectors of the economy and further restricting the lives of residents, Whitmer should issue a new public health executive order and enforce that order upon those blatantly violating CDC guidelines." *Detroit Free Press, April 14, 2020*

WHEREAS, the Township of Ray is in support of the position to establish a revised public health order as suggested by the esteemed members within the United States Congress.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Ray Board of Trustees hereby adopts this resolution as a record of its request to Governor Whitmer to reconsider the classifications or designations of essential businesses and amend parts of Executive Order 2020-42 to provide for or allow certain businesses within the community who can adopt safe social distancing measures pursuant to strict health and safety guidelines as promulgated by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to operate and for those employees to safely return to the workforce.

AYES: Stier, Bohm, Lascoe, Grader, Jarzyna
NAYS: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Stier, Bohm, Lascoe, Grader, Jarzyna

No: None

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk
Recording Secretary

Date