

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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: Chief DiMaria, Asst. Chief Nathan McKee, Betsy Bart, & 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

Lascoe added 10. d. Employee request to carry over vacation time

MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the agenda as modified.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Macomb Community Action regarding Grass Cutting and Snow Removal

Lascoe explained the Community Development known as Chore is no longer an approved activity under the Senior Chore program and they are working to ensure the agreement is honored to June 30, 2020.

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 – April 21, 2020

MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to approve the minutes from April 21, 2020 as submitted.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

Stier stated the bills list through May 13, 2020 total is \$109,929.02.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the bills list through May 13, 2020 totaling \$109,929.02.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported the Township audit will be conducted on Thursday of this week and the staff will be reporting in the office. The office will remain closed to the public and will open under the guidelines of the MTA. Further stated the staff will report to normal in office business hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and continue working with the public remotely by email, drop box and by phone.
- b. Clerk Lascoe explained the Secretary of the State is encouraging voters to vote absentee. She stated the State will be sending absentee voter applications to every registered voter that is not on the permanent absentee list. She stated this evening she had an email that if a community wants to send the applications themselves to contact the Bureau of Elections and the municipality would be reimbursed the cost under the CARE act. She stated she prefers to mail the absentee voter applications to all registered voters to have consistent ballot applications. Further stated the permanent absentee ballot applications will be mailed on May 26, 2020.
- c. Treasurer Stier stated the delinquent report has been submitted to the County and waiting on the check.
- d. Trustees Grader and Bohm had nothing to report.

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

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

8. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

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

Jarzyna stated the April department monthly reports are available and can be requested by phone or email.

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

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Fire Department request to sell old rescue truck on the MITN site.

Jarzyna stated the truck was not listed on the MITN due to covid-19.

MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to list the old rescue truck on the MITN website with the starting bid at \$5,000.00 when the State allows.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

- b. Duties of Assistant Fire Chief.

The Board received the job description from the Ray Township Fire & Rescue Normal Operating Procedures.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to remove the item from the agenda.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2020 Limestone Application Program

Jarzyna stated the Board approved by a phone poll the limestone application for Indian Trail from 26 Mile Road to Ray Center, 27 Mile Road from Indian Trail to Ray Center Road. He explained an additional mile became available and on May 12, 2020 and he conducted another phone poll for the additional mile to be used for Wolcott Road from 28 Mile Road to 29 Mile Road and with any remaining limestone to be used for over the Tupper Brook on 27 Mile Road since Wolcott is a narrow roadway.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve the 2020 Limestone application on Indian Trail from 26 Mile Road to Ray Center, 27 Mile Road from Indian Trail to Ray Center Road and Wolcott Road from 28 Mile Road to 29 Mile Road.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

b. American Tower

Jarzyna stated the current contract is to 2059 and option 1 would be a decrease in the monthly lease and option 2 is for a lump sum for a perpetual easement.

MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to receive and file the correspondence dated March 10, 2020.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

c. Resolution Approving Ballot Propositions Resolution No, 2020-01-A

Lascoe stated the ballot language from the Township Attorney had a typographical error in the language. Further stated the Macomb County Elections Department required the Board to approve the language as prepared in Resolution No. 2020-01-A.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Stier and supported by Lascoe.

WHEREAS, Ray Township is growing at a rapid rate which requires continued fire protection and rescue operation services for the community; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue to provide adequate fire and rescue services to the community, including the operation, maintenance and acquisition of fire and rescue apparatus and equipment and housing for Fire Department operations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise funds for the continued operation and maintenance of the Ray Township Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAY, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN THAT:

1. The following ballot questions shall be submitted to the elector at the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 election:

**Millage Renewal for Ray Township
Fire and Rescue Department Equipment
and Truck Replacement**

Shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be levied on all taxable real and personal property in the unincorporated and incorporated area of the Township of Ray, Macomb County, Michigan, be increased by one (1.0) mill for each one (\$1.00) dollar (\$1.00 for each \$1,000.00) of the taxable value of such property, as finally equalized, for a period of five (5) years (2021 through 2025 inclusive) for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of equipment and truck replacement and for the Ray Township Fire and Rescue Department?

The estimated revenue to be raised by such levy is \$214,702.00 per annum.

This proposed millage is a RENEWAL of a previously authorized millage and does not constitute a new additional millage.

() Yes () No

**Millage Renewal for Ray Township
Fire and Rescue Operations**

Shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be levied on all taxable real and personal property in the unincorporated and incorporated area of the Township of Ray, Macomb County, Michigan, be increased by one and one-half (1.5) mills for each one (\$1.00) dollar (\$1.50 for each \$1,000.00) of the taxable value of such property, as finally equalized, for a period of five (5) years (2021 through 2025 inclusive) for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of the Ray Township Fire and Rescue Department?

The estimated revenue to be raised by such levy is \$322,054.00 per annum.

This proposed millage is a RENEWAL of a previously authorized millage and does not constitute a new additional millage.

() Yes () No

The Township Clerk is hereby directed to take such action as may be required to include the proposition on the ballot for the August 4, 2020 Primary election.

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

No: None

Absent: None

Resolution Declared Adopted: May 19, 2020

d. Employee request to carry over vacation time – *Added to Agenda*

Jarzyna stated the employee is requesting to carry 14.5 unused hours of vacation time to the upcoming year of vacation due to covid-19.

Discussion was held that employees are encouraged to use their earned vacation time.

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to approve the employee request to carry over 14.5 vacation hours.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Stacy Sobotka, The Record Newspaper asked for clarification of the roads approved for the limestone application.

Jarzyna stated the limestone application would be applied to Indian Trail from 26 Mile Road to Ray Center, 27 Mile Road from Indian Trail to Ray Center Road and Wolcott Road from 28 Mile Road to 29 Mile Road and any left over material would be placed over the Tupper brook.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk
Recording Secretary

Date