

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 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 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 stated there are no correspondences and added 8.g. Planning Commission Annual Report

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

3. CORRESPONDENCE: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items - Supervisor Jarzyna asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address.

No public comments at this time.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2020
**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the minutes from June 16, 2020 as submitted.
MOTION carried.**

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST
Stier stated the total bills list is \$72,266.96 and asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bills.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the bills list totaling \$72,266.96.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported the recycling reopened on July 11, 2020 an additional 20 yard dumpster was on site and participating residents were only charged one ticket for the day.

Jarzyna stated he met with Bob Seibert, Township Attorney to create a single waste hauler bid packet since the current contract expires on December 31, 2020. He stated the proposed bid package should be completed before the next board meeting and he will provide a copy to the Board for review.

Jarzyna stated Eagle Scout James Harding was scheduled to begin installation of the musical instruments in the park on July 24 but some items were on backorder due to covid-19. He asked James to provide the Board with an update on the project.

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James Harding advised the Board he placed some posters in the park showing the location of each musical instrument. He thanked the board for the generous donation for the project. He stated he is looking forward to beginning the installation soon.

Grader stated she would like to see the instruments spread further apart. She thought they would be spread out throughout the park.

Discussion was held on the area for the instruments, paving the area and insurance on the instruments.

- b. Lascoe stated the Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, August 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to obtain an absentee ballot and to register to vote. She stated we have 3042 registered voters in the Township and 892 absentee ballots have been issued. The State primary election will be Tuesday, August 4th which includes the local Township Board, precinct delegates and the Millage Renewal for the Fire Department Equipment and Truck Replacement, Millage Renewal for the Fire Department Operations, and the Ray Township Public Library Millage.

Lascoe stated she contacted the Bureau of Elections regarding the annexation of the Ray Township property to the Village of Romeo. The Office of the Great Seal has still not given final approval of the annexation. Further stated at this time it is still in the review process of the State agencies.

- c. Treasurer Stier reported he worked with the new alarm company and it has been completed. Further stated it is a savings with the new company.

Stier reported the Supervisors new computer has been received and it is up and running.

Stier reported the Planning Commission held a July meeting and discussed some zoning ordinance amendments. Further reported an upcoming public hearing will be held on the zoning ordinance amendments and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board and the items will be reviewed by the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Stier reported after the last power outage it was discovered that the part of the office where the elected officials sit was not connected to the generator and was only running on the battery backup power. KJ Electric was contacted and fixed the problem so the entire building runs on the generator.

- d. Trustees Grader and Bohm had nothing to report.
MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to receive and file the Officer's Report as presented.
MOTION carried.

8. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing
- b. Budget Report
- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report
- e. Library Report
- f. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS
- g. Planning Commission Annual Report

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

MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to receive and file the June 2020 Department Reports.
MOTION carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Stier stated the fire truck sold on the MITN for \$4,988.55 and the purchaser had to pay the five percent to the MITN. Further stated the truck was picked up today and the cash is in the safe for deposit.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to remove the item 9a from the agenda.
MOTION carried.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fire & Rescue was awarded a \$1,000.00 grant from Blue Water Gas Storage for hazmat, truck checks and medical reports. Request authorization to purchase remaining balance.

Assistant Chief McKee requested to purchase two tablets, two rugged cases, one keyboard and two pens for the total price of \$1,939.39 with the grant covering \$1,000.00. Further requested the Boards approval for the remaining balance of \$939.39 from the Fire Department funds.

Lascoe thanked the Chief and Assistant Chief for applying for the grant.

Chief DiMaria stated Assistant Chief McKee applied for the grant.

MOTION by Stier supported Bohm to approve the purchase two tablets, two rugged cases, one keyboard and two pens for the total price of \$1,939.39 with the Blue Water Gas Storage grant covering \$1,000.00 with Fire Department cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

MOTION carried.

b. Resolution of Endorsement of Macomb County Hazard Mitigation 2020-2025 Plan, Resolution No. 2020-09

**Ray Township
Hazard Mitigation 2020-2025 Plan Adoption Resolution
Resolution Number: 2020-09**

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

WHEREAS, Macomb County, Michigan has experienced risks that may damage commercial, residential, and public properties, displace citizens and businesses, close streets and impair infrastructure, and present general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Macomb County, in cooperation with all of the local communities has prepared a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* that outlines the County's and community's options to reduce damages and impacts from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been reviewed by community residents, business owners, and federal, state, and local agencies, and has been revised where appropriate to reflect their concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Hazard Mitigation Plan* is hereby adopted as an official plan of Ray Township, Macomb County, Michigan.

FOR THIS RESOLUTION: AYES: Bohm, Stier, Grader, Lascoe, Jarzyna

NAYS: None.

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

c. Tax reversion of property

Stier stated that due to Covid-19 the Macomb County treasurer is not foreclosing on any parcels that are delinquent. There is one parcel in Ray that is in foreclosure, it is the large home next to the Cascades on Romeo Plank that has not been completed. The current amount due to purchase under right of reversion is \$31,359.20. It has not been determined how long the county will have this program, March 31, 2021 is the date that has been indicated at this time. If the property is not redeemed before that it will come up for sale. Treasure Stier has requested the township be given first right of refusal on the parcel. The parcel runs along the North Branch of the Clinton River.

Jarzyna stated it is something to keep in mind.

Stier stated the board should keep an open mind, it could be a beautiful park, many opportunities. Further stated the item is informational at this time.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to receive tax reversion of property notification.
MOTION carried.**

d. Recycling Attendant

Jarzyna stated he received two applications for the Recycling Attendant position, one of the applicants volunteered some time at the recycling center past Saturday. He stated the other applicant is pursuing a degree in recycling. Further stated he would like to offer both residents the position on an alternating month, there has always been a shortfall of people willing to work the recycle center.

Chief DiMaria stated he and the Assistant Chief both volunteered at the recycling center and he felt it was a good idea to have two Recycling Attendants for accepting the tickets, directing residents, and running the tractor.

Bohm asked Jarzyna if he was proposing to have both there at the same time?

Jarzyna stated recycling was closed due to covid19 and there is money in the budget to cover both attendants.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to allow the Supervisor to extend the offer of employment to both recycling attendant applicants.
MOTION carried.**

Bohm stated it is a good idea to have two attendants there for security purposes.

Lascoe thanked Chief DiMaria and Assistant Chief McKee for volunteering and working the recycling center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m.
MOTION carried.**

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk

Date