

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
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Location: Zoom Conference Meeting Id: Meeting ID: 89283412541
Password: 779068

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 Zoom 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

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the agenda as submitted.

FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Lascoe, Stier, Bohm, Grader, 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 – October 20, 2020

MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to approve the minutes from October 20, 2020 as submitted.

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

No: None.

MOTION carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

Stier stated the total for the bills list is \$108,438.93. Further asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bills.

MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to approve the bills list totaling \$108,438.93 through November 18, 2020.

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

No: None.

MOTION carried.

7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported the Recreation Committee had the tree lighting ceremony scheduled but it has now been cancelled due to COVID-19. He stated the Recreation Director, Christy DeMeulenaere has set up a drive-by tree lighting for Saturday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. He stated they will have a goodie bag for the children and are asking to register for the event.

- b. Clerk Lascoe thanked the Election Inspectors for another successful election. Ray Township had the third highest turn out in Macomb County with 81.7%. She stated at 6:10 a.m. residents were in line waiting for the polls to open. 1,218 voters came to the poll on election day. 1,460 absentee ballots were issued and 1,399 were returned to be tabulated by the Absentee Counting Board on election day. Further stated Ray Township has 3,217 registered voters.

Lascoe thanked Betsy Bart for her dedication as the Deputy Clerk for the past four years. Further stated she feels confident the Treasurer's office is in good hands with her commitment to the Township.

Lascoe reported the Township has not received the \$5,000.00 grant check from Center for Tech and Civic Life which is for safe elections.

- c. Treasurer Stier reported he has been working with Chief DiMaria to received CARES money for the firefighters.

Stier stated a resident has donated two outdoor security camera systems to be installed in the park and along Betty Drive. He asked for direction from the Board on installation of the security cameras. He explained the security camera systems are hard wired so there will be cost to install the wire and connect them to the Township Hall.

Lascoe stated she did not believe the Board is aware of the vandalism/graffiti that happened in the park over the weekend.

Stier stated the cameras were donated by a retired deputy who stated he would like to see them installed to prevent or deter further acts of vandalism.

Grader stated she is not concerned with the cost of the cable or installation. She questioned if cameras are installed would signage have to be posted? She asked for direction from Township Attorney.

Stier stated signs will have to be posted and direction from the attorney should be sought.

Grader asked if the cameras are installed and any type of crime happens in the park what kind of liability would the township have if it was not seen on the recordings? Would there be recordings?

Stier stated there would be recordings.

MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to Table Security Camera donation for further installation and liability information is received.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

- d. Trustee Grader stated she would like to thank Lori for her dedication to our elections, it is a great deal of work.

Trustee Bohm - none

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

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

No: None.

MOTION carried.

8. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

Jarzyna stated if anyone would like a copy of any report, they will need to call the office and arrange to pick it up since the office is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.

- a. Assessing Report
- b. Budget Report

- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report
- e. Library Report
- f. Recreation Report
- g. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS Report

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

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

No: None.

MOTION carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. PTO update manuals from Vacation and sick to PTO along with FMLA

Lascoe requested for the Board to table item so the updates can be submitted and reviewed by the Township attorney for the employee manual.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to table item the PTO update manuals from Vacation and sick to PTO along with FMLA.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bids for 2021 Single Waste Hauler Collection and Disposal Program.

Jarzyna stated two bids were received meeting all the bid specifications and are acceptable according to Bob Seibert, Township Attorney. He asked the Board if each had reviewed the bids and if they have any input.

Lascoe stated she knows there are residents who would like curbside recycling. She concerned with the number of residents not working due to the pandemic. Further stated most of the residents are over the age of sixty and may be on a fixed income.

Grader stated the Board has always wanted to keep the cost to a minimum for the residents.

Bohm stated prior to the pandemic, many residents have asked for curbside recycling. Due to the pandemic not sure how many are unemployed, but if residents can spend an additional \$3.25 to \$3.75 it may be a good idea. Residents will have to purchase a container. What is the cost for those?

Dan Venet from Priority Waste stated the small container would be \$65.00 and the large container would be \$95.00.

Jarzyna asked Mary Jo VanNatter from GFL if they could provide the cost of their containers?

Ms. VanNatter asked if Mr. Gomez or Mr. Barretta if they could provide the cost of the containers? - *There was no response from the GFL Representatives.*

Grader asked Bohm if he recalled the reason for not considering curbside before was due to the cost as the Board's goal was to minimize the cost for the residents in the past.

Bohm stated he could not remember the quotes, but it was higher and yes minimizing the resident cost was always a concern. Looking at the current bids and minimizing costs takes GFL out of consideration, they are higher at \$36.27 per quarter and Priority Waste is \$33.75 per quarter for weekly collection and disposal of mixed waste and monthly collection of recyclable materials at the Township Recyclable Center. The cost for weekly collection of mixed waste and bi-weekly collection of recyclable materials at each residential dwelling unit with curbside service is \$39.75 per quarter with Priority Waste and \$44.97 per quarter with GFL. Plus the costs for residents to purchase the recycling container.

Stier stated, I am not on the same page with the curbside, leave it the way it is. Priority cost is \$33.75 per quarter, about \$135.00 per year plus a 2% escalator per year for trash pickup with the recycling at the Fire Department. Further stated he does not see where the number of interested people is coming from, only about 50 people per month use the recycling center.

Jarzyna stated the Township is getting ready to put out the winter edition of the Township Newsletter and suggested a survey if residents want or do not want curbside recycling? Jarzyna asked Lascoe how close the newsletter is to print?

Lascoe stated the newsletter it is ready to print but the Staff Assistant has held off on printing until after tonight's meeting. Further stated a survey could be added to the newsletter.

Stier agreed with putting a survey in the newsletter. He stated he spoke with Steve Cassin, Planning Consultant about creating a survey to put on the Township website, the Facebook page and the link could be advertised in the newsletter.

Lascoe agreed with adding the survey to the newsletter for residents that do not have internet, can respond to the survey and put it in the drop box.

Stier stated the Township has asked residents in the past about curbside recycling and it was a resounding no.

Bohm stated the residents that come to the recycling center are requesting curbside recycling. If we can get responses before the end of the contract, then it will work.

Grader stated it is a great way to get input, there are some residents that do not want it and some that do.

Stier made motion to table this matter to a special meeting or regular meeting and have the Supervisor get a survey together for residents to respond.

Lascoe asked if this is giving enough time to the two companies that submitted a bid package.

Dan Venet, Priority Waste stated they were able to transition New Baltimore in less than two weeks. He stated it is a good idea to get the residents input and the Township is doing their due diligence.

Grader noted that on page 5 of the bid that Priority Waste absorbed another company, she inquired if Priority Waste be the company name on the trucks if they are awarded the bid?

Dan Venet stated it will be Priority Waste.

MOTION by Stier support by Bohm to Table the Bids for 2021 single Waste Hauler Collection and Disposal Program for more information and input from residents regarding curbside recycling no later than next regular board meeting on December 15, 2020.

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

MOTION carried.

b. Treasurer request regarding tax collection.

Stier stated he is requesting Board to send the annual letter to the local school districts notifying them of the tax collection fee of \$1.75 per parcel.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bohm to allow Treasurer Stier to issue notification letters to the school districts for tax collection of \$1.75 per parcel.

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

MOTION carried.

c. 2021 Public Meeting Schedule.

Jarzyna stated the meeting schedule for 2021 includes the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission if needed and Zoning Board of Appeals if necessary.

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to approve the 2021 public meeting scheduled as presented.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

d. Planning Commission Board liaison.

Jarzyna submitted a letter to the Board recommending the appointment for Lori Lascoe to the Board as the Board Liaison.

Stier stated the Board first needs to accept and approve his resignation from the Planning Commission and then approve the Supervisors recommendation to appoint Lascoe as the Board Liaison to the Planning Commission.

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to approve the Supervisor's recommendation and appoint Lori Lascoe as the Planning Commission Board Liaison and accept his resignation.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

e. Macomb Agricultural Purchase Development Rights contribution.

Jarzyna stated the request is for the annual contribution to the PDR Committee.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to approve annual \$250.00 payment to Macomb County Agricultural PDR committee.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

f. Request to contribute \$500.00 to the PDR if a Macomb County farm is selected.

Jarzyna stated Macomb County is currently in the cycle for the PDR grant selection. Richmond and Bruce Township have some larger farms. If a Macomb County farm is selected, they are asking for a \$500.00 donation from Ray Township.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve \$500.00 contribution if a Macomb County farm is selected for the Purchase Development Rights Committee.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

g. Request appointment of Deputy Supervisor for water/sewer negotiations.

Jarzyna stated the Board has his recommendation in front of them to appoint Charles Bohm as Ray Township Deputy Supervisor for water/sewer negotiations. Further stated he has been involved in all the meetings and recommended his appointment.

Stier stated he has no problem with Bohm involved in the negotiations but would rather have the position designated as casual labor in the budget. Not as Deputy Supervisor.

Jarzyna recommended Bohm be appointed Deputy Supervisor in case he is unable to attend a meeting for the water and sewer negotiations only.

Stier stated this is opening something the Township has never seen, speaking on behalf of the Township residents.

Jarzyna asked Bohm if he would be good with Stier suggestion?

Bohm stated he would but feels Deputy Supervisor carries more weight going into a negotiation meeting.

Stier stated he would like to table until can speak with township attorney, consultant carries the same weight.

Grader asked if anyone checked the Michigan Township Association manual?

Stier stated the Michigan Township Association red book states a Deputy has the same rights and privileges as the Supervisor.

MOTION by Grader seconded by Stier to approve Supervisor Jarzyna recommendation to appoint Charlie Bohm as Deputy Supervisor for the sole purpose of water and sewer negotiations to the Moceri property at 26 Mile Road and Hayes.

**FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Grader, Lascoe, Bohm, Jarzyna
 No: Stier**

MOTION carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk
Recording Secretary

Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary