Location: Ray Township Hall

64255 Wolcott, Ray, Michigan 48096

Present: Charles Bohm, Supervisor

Paula Artman, Clerk

Douglas Stier, Treasurer

Betty Grader, Trustee

John Zoccola, Trustee

Also present - 21 residents.

1. **CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Bohm called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Bohm, Clerk Artman, Treasurer Stier, Trustee Grader, and Trustee Zoccola present.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Bohm requested adding to the agenda tonight under New Business, Taylor Blight Situation, 10h. Ms. Artman advised there was no Richmond Lenox Report backup this month, therefore removing 4a from the agenda.

**MOTION by Mr. Zoccola to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Ms. Grader. Motion carried.**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Tina Virga, 63251 Indian Trail, read a letter to the Board regarding her absences from attending Recreation events and her end of term from the Recreation Committee.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
   1. **Richmond Lenox Monthly Report – (removed)**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 16, 2016**

**MOTION by Ms. Grader to approve the minutes from August 16, 2016 as presented, supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting - August 23, 2016**

**MOTION BY Ms. Grader to approve the minutes from August 23, 2016 as presented, supported by Mr. Zoccola.**

1. **APPROVAL OF BILLS –** Mr. Stier corrected the description to one bill for PNC Bank on page 3. Ms. Artman asked to remove the bill for Assessor Kelly Timm, from the St. Clair Assessor’s Association. She said if it was for Macomb County, it would be related to her job here in Macomb. For those reasons, Ms. Artman asked the bill be pulled tonight. Mr. Bohm said she chose to attend the seminar in St. Clair County. Kelly Timm has another assessors position in St. Clair County. It was discussed whether the bill should be paid. Mr. Bohm said he did approve her attendance and the reimbursement.

**MOTION by Ms. Artman to take off the bill for Kelly Timm. (There was no support on the motion).**

Mr. Bohm said he agreed to pay for half of the reimbursement for the seminar and felt the bill was legitimate. He said she could have attended the class in Macomb or St. Clair for certification. Ms. Artman said she did not see the invoice.

**MOTION by Mr. Zoccola to approve the bills paid through September 7, 2016, totaling $105,582.24, supported by Mr. Stier. Motion carried.**

1. **OFFICER’S REPORTS –**
2. **Supervisor –**

* Mr. Bohm said there is an agreement with Mr. Kukuk, and it has been filed at Circuit Court. Regarding the tickets issued in District Court, Mr. Kukuk was fined court costs in the amount of $300, and on probation for one year. He is unable to hold any more events which violates our ordinance. (with the exception of the 3 approved by the ZBA.)
* The contract has been signed for the LED street lights and will be completed as soon as Edison finishes the project.
* The AMAR review has been completed. Kelly has submitted the corrections. (The review of our assessing records.)
* The Tax Foreclosure list has been submitted to the Board. Mr. Bohm said Macomb County is getting involved in the blight issues.
* Mr. Bohm reported two meetings have been held regarding businesses being operated in residential zoned areas. The attorney has submitted her interpretation. There is another meeting tomorrow.
* The auction for the bounce house is October 22.
* There is an outstanding court matter concerning the Tupper’s. Their attorney submitted to district court that the blight is cleaned up. Mr. Bohm stated it is not. Another hearing date will be scheduled.

1. **Clerk –**  Ms. Artman summarized two emails received from DTE. One regarding a delay in moving forward with the Street Lighting Conversion Program from Brandon Faron due to a delay in the rebate application process until 2017. The second email states as of August 1, 2016, a self-implemented increase for all electric rates approximately 5.3% has been applied on all bills for services. There will be a separate surcharge on the bill.
2. **Treasurer** – Mr. Stier said he would like approval on the next agenda to attend continuing education for himself and his deputy at a one day workshop in Frankenmuth on November 30 for the Treasurer’s Guide to Tax Collection. He also stated they were very busy the last three days before September 14 for tax collection.
3. **Trustees –** none
4. **DEPARTMENT REQUESTS/REPORTS**
5. **Assessing** – 60505 North Avenue – The property has been sold at auction. The new owner has met with Mr. Bohm. He will fix the house or demolish it. The garage has been boarded up.
6. **Building Department** – Permits, Residential Finals and Temp Occupancy Report – Mr. Bohm summarized the monthly report dated 8/31/16. The amount taken in was $4,519. (Available upon request.)
7. **Fire Department Report** – Mr. Bohm read the report for August, detailing: 17 calls: 1 wire down, 2 gas leaks, 1 check out, 1 assault, 1 burn complaint, 1 personal injury accident, 4 motor vehicle accidents and 7 medical calls. Report available upon request.
8. **Library Report** – Mr. Bohm reported the event held last weekend was nicely done. The detailed report is available upon request.
9. **Recreation Report** – The trip to the Toledo Zoo was on Aug. 27 and 33 residents attended. Upcoming events include the Lions game, and tickets are available from Kathryn in the office. The Trunk or Treat will be on October 21 and the Christmas tree lighting on December 7. (report available upon request).
10. **Senior Report -** (full report available).
11. **Budget Report – Please** review. The figures are up to date. Anything above or below 33.3% needs to be looked at. If you have any questions, please call Doug or Mr. Bohm. The figures are through July.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to receive and file the department requests and reports as presented, received at the meeting of September 20, 2016, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.**

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. **Building Department – Outstanding Bonds –** Mr. Bohm explained all past due building permits bonds and permits are current.

**MOTION by Ms. Artman to remove 9a Building Department - Outstanding Bonds, supported by Ms. Grader. Motion carried.** Mr. Stier commended Lisa Hall and Bob Beckett for their work in this regard.

* 1. **Review and Update Ordinance #44 Fireworks –** Mr. Stier stated the updated Fireworks Ordinance was presented to the Board for review at the last meeting. The Fire Department has reviewed it and the final document is before them tonight. Mr. Bohm said the Ordinance will bring our present ordinance up to date with state law and is available upon request for public review.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to adopt updated Ordinance #44 Fireworks, replacing the present ordinance, as presented, supported by Ms. Artman. All “yes”. Motion carried.**

* 1. **Priest Drain Project –** Mr. Bohm said he distributed correspondence to the Board regarding the Priest Drain. Discussion continued regarding clean up and insurance coverage.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to table 9c, the Priest Drain Project pending approval of the property owners, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.**

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Uncollectable Cost Recovery – Fire Department**

Ms. Artman explained when someone has an accident and the Fire Department goes out to help, a letter is sent out for reimbursement of costs. Mr. Bohm said we need to bring these uncollectable costs to the Board to remove them from the books. Fire Commissioner Jim DiMaria explained every effort has been made to collect the debts.

**MOTION by Ms. Artman to remove from the Township Receivables the Uncollectable Cost Recovery Amounts, supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

1. **2016 Audited Financial Report -** Mr. Bohm said the financial reports are available. In the General fund the balance is $867,844.00, Fire fund - $1,425,858.00, Building fund - $9,366.00. Mr. Bohm complimented Christine on her fine work.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to approve the 2015-2016 Audited Financial Report as reported by our auditors, supported by Ms. Artman. Motion carried.**

1. **Budget Modification -** Mr. Stier said the budget modifications are before the Board in the report. One of the major changes is the street lighting. If any questions, please call him.

**MOTION by Mr. Zoccola to authorize the Treasurer to make the necessary budget modifications, supported by Mr. Stier. Motion carried.**

1. **Abandoned Homes & Businesses -** Mr. Bohm said the Township received a check in the amount of $40,400 from the LaFon estate, as a result of the sale proceeds. Mr. Bohm would like the Board to consider the four pieces of property that need to be demolished or put the money back into the bank. Discussion took place regarding the condition of abandoned properties and the money received.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to table the process of Abandoned Home & Businesses pending further evaluation and information for the Board, supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

1. **Appointments to the Recreation Committee –** Mr. Bohm explained the correspondence received from Sam Emiah concerning member replacements and adding 2 additional members to the committee, making the committee a total of 7 members. Ms. Grader inquired about the number of members on the committee. Mr. Bohm confirmed it is allowed. Discussion continued concerning Ms. Virga non-reappointment to the committee. Mr. Zoccola suggested allowing the Chairman to recommend her committee appointments. Mr. Bohm suggested tabling the matter for further information to clarify the term information.

**MOTION by Mr. Zoccola to table 10e for further information, appointments to the Recreation Committee, supported by Mr. Stier. Motion carried.**

The Board did not have an objection to the addition of 2 additional members to the Board.

Ms. Artman stated the Trunk or Treat is coming up, and would like to add the Appointments to the Recreation Committee to the Special Meeting.

1. **Fire Department – Equipment Purchase Request -** The Fire Commissioner explained why this purchase was required for the Fire Department. It was noted all three bids were considered, and pointed out Apollo is local and the lowest bid.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to allow the Fire Department to purchase equipment requested from Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of $6,703.95, including freight, supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

1. **Recreation Request – Lions Game Tickets Purchase –** The Recreation Director has requested approval to purchase 20 Lions game tickets for the October 16, 2016 game in the amount of $1,030. Additional tickets can be purchased, and the bus leaves at 10 a.m.

**MOTION by Mr. Zoccola to allow the Recreation Leader to purchase Lions Game tickets as needed, supported by Mr. Stier. Motion carried.**

1. **Taylor Blight Violation – 22707-29 Mile Rd. –** Mr. Bohm updated the Board on the blighted situation, there are abandoned cars on the property, and the couple has abandoned the property. The attorney suggests taking this property to Circuit Court. Both parcels are owned by the same people. It was discussed to notify the property owners and proceed. Mr. Bohm said there are several complaints on the property. Discussion continued regarding how to proceed with the house and cars.

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to authorize the Supervisor to allow the Attorney to issue a ticket to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor at 22707-29 Mile Rd., for a blight violation on the property through the Circuit Court, supported by Ms. Grader. Motion carried.**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

**Debbie Jensensius,** 60400 Indian Trial, asked when the meeting regarding the businesses will be held. Mr. Bohn said it will be tomorrow. The Special Meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month, and it will be a public meeting.

**Jim DiMaria, Fire Commissioner,** said the pancake breakfast is October 2.

**Kim Slavik,** 20411 30 Mile Rd.,asked about the pit bulls on 30 Mile Road, east of Hartway. She would like to know if anyone has any information about them. They went after children. Mr. Bohm said he was not aware of it and he will report it to animal control.

1. **ADJOURNMENT** –

**MOTION by Mr. Stier to adjourn at 9:13 p.m., supported by Mr. Zoccola. Motion carried.**

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**Charlie Bohm, Supervisor Paula Artman, Clerk Date**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marcia Jamroz, Recording Secretary**