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 AND ROLL CALL.

Supervisor Jarzyna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All members were present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to approve the agenda as presented.**

**MOTION carried.**

3. CORRESPONDENCES: Northern Macomb County Townships now accepting PDR Applications

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to receive and file the correspondence.**

**MOTION carried.**

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

No public comments.

5. PRESENTATIONS: 1) Ekocite Architecture presentation on the Ray Township Public Library

Tammis Donaldson, Registered Architect gave a power point presentation on the Ray Township Public Library.

2) State of the Ray Township Public Library

Christy DeMeulenaere, Library Director presented the yearly State of the Ray Township Public Library.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 19, 2019

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to approve the minutes from March 19, 2019 as presented.**

**MOTION carried.**

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Stier stated the fiscal year end bills list through 3-28-19 are in the amount of $46,189.62.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve the bills list through March 28, 2019 in the amount of $46,189. 62.**

**MOTION carried.**

**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to approve the bills list dated April 16, 2019 in the amount of $79,033.74.**

**MOTION carried.**

8. OFFICER’S REPORTS

1. Supervisor Jarzyna requested a moment of silence for the passing of Frank Grader, friend, neighbor, husband and father.

*Moment of silence was held in honor of Frank Grader.*

1. Clerk Lascoe stated the New Haven School election will be held on May 7, 2019. The Clerks Office will be open on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for absentee ballots and registration to vote. The last day to register by mail is Monday, April 22, 2019. If anyone would like to be added to the permanent absentee voters list, they should contact the Clerk’s office.

Lascoe stated on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. the Election Commission will conduct the public accuracy test for the May 7th election. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election as prescribed by law.

1. Treasurer Stier reported he has scheduled an appointment for Thursday April 18, 2019 with the Macomb County Treasurer to settle the delinquent taxes. Further stated the State Tax Commission has approved computerized tax roll have been approved through May 1, 2022.
2. Trustees Grader and Bohm had nothing to report.

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

**MOTION carried.**

1. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS
   1. Assessing,
   2. Budget Report- Stier stated the Board received the year end budget and the Budget beginning April 2019.
   3. Building Department
   4. Fire Department Report
   5. Library Report
   6. Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to receive and file the Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Recreation Report
  2. Senior Report
  3. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS Report

Jarzyna reviewed the department’s monthly reports for March 2019.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bohm to receive and file the March 2019 Department Reports.**

**MOTION carried.**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   1. Consent Judgment for Four Star Development for proposed sewer connection to Shelby Twp./Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District (“MIDDD”)

Jarzyna reported Shelby Township is discussing Phase 1 of the proposed sewer line between 25 and 25 ½ Mile Road and will contact Ray Township when the discussions are complete.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to Table 11) a. Consent Judgment for Four Star Development for proposed sewer connection to Shelby Twp./Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District (“MIDDD”).**

**MOTION carried.**

1. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Request for Treasurer to attend Michigan Municipal Treasurers Associates Conferences

Stier requested to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Conference from Sunday May 19, 2019 through Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at a cost not to exceed $700.00. The cost includes the conference, hotel and per diem of $25.00 per day. He stated there should not be any mileage since he will be getting a ride from a neighboring community Treasurer.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve for the Treasurer to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Associates Conference and for the cost not to exceed $700.00.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Amendment to Michigan Freedom of Information Act

Lascoe stated the Township Attorney has prepared the updated Michigan Freedom of Information Act which was signed into law. Further stated the FOIA law was amended because the Emily FOIA asked for copies of every ballot in the 2016 presidential election.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve updates of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act as prepared by the Township Attorney.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Amendment to Noxious Weed Ordinance No. 73

Jarzyna advised the amendment to the Noxious Weed Ordinance is to add the height of twelve (12”) inches and thirty feet (30’) distance from any structure or storage area to ordinance.

Bohm asked if the ordinance officer would be canvassing the township for violations.

Jarzyna stated the ordinance officer would respond to complaints.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to approve the Amendment to Noxious Weed Ordinance #73 as presented, as follows:**

**TOWNSHIP OF RAY**

**COUNTY OF MACOMB**

**ORDINANCE NO. 73**

**AMENDMENT TO RAY TOWNSHIP NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE**

**Title**

**An Ordinance amending the Ray Township Noxious Weed Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 73, in order to further define the duty of residential parcel owners; the manner of removal of noxious weeds and delete the requirement of mailing a postcard to individuals that violated the Ordinance in the preceding year; and repealing any and all ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance.**

**THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAY, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Amendments.**

**Subsection 1.1 Section 6 (Duty of Residential Parcel Owners) shall be deleted and the following substituted therefore:**

**Section 6. Allowing the Growth of Weeds; Unlawful. The owners of residential parcels within the Township upon which noxious weeds are found growing shall destroy the weeds before they reach a seedbearing stage, or 12” in height, and prevent their regrowth, and prevent them from becoming a detriment to the public health. It shall be unlawful for the owner, agent or occupant of any residential parcel within the Township to allow or maintain on such land noxious weed growth. Further, it shall be unlawful for the owner, agent or occupant of any land to allow or permit noxious weed growth within 30’ of any structure or storage area.**

**Subsection 1.2 Section 7 (Cutting of Weeds by Township) Second Paragraph (Additional Notice) shall be deleted.**

**Subsection 1.3 Section 9 (Removal) shall be deleted and the following substituted therefore:**

**Section 9. Removal by Township. In the event the owner, agent or occupant of any residential parcel within Ray Township fails, after notice as provided in this Ordinance, to destroy the noxious weeds, the weed commissioner or agent retained by the Township shall enter upon the realty in order to cut, remove, or destroy the weeds including 30’ from any and all structures located upon the realty.**

**Section 2. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.**

**All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.**

**Section 3. Severability.**

**If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity or unconstitutionality of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.**

**Section 4. Publication.**

**A true copy of this Ordinance or summary shall be published in The Record, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Ray. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection by the public at the Township Clerk’s office.**

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

**This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days from and after the publication of a true copy or summary as provided in Section 4.**

**FOR THIS MOTION: YES: Bohm, Lascoe, Grader, Stier, Jarzyna**

**NO: None.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Michigan Township Association requests Board action on Option for Nonpartisan Township Offices

Lascoe stated the Michigan Township Association has requested action by the Board if the elected township offices should be nonpartisan. She explained a state representative has introduced legislation to make nonpartisan township offices optional to townships. Further stated the MTA has provided the resolution.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Bohm to take no action on resolution.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Huntington Bank Fraud Protection

Stier stated Huntington Bank offers fraud protection tools for an additional $30.00 per month to protect the Townships operating accounts. He explained that Huntington bank highly recommends this product as the accounts are vulnerable to fraud. Because the bank offers this service, if the township chooses not to purchase fraud protection, any losses would not be covered. An additional service is offered for $5.00 per month (check issue file) that provides an additional level of security by allowing the Township to view checks and make sure they have been issued by the Township. ACH debits are also checked upon receipt to determine if they are recurring payments and allowing the Township to set parameters for recurring payments.

Grader asked if the cost is $35.00 per month per account?

Stier stated checks are written out of the general account, would like to add protection to the general account.

Jarzyna stated all accounts are at Huntington bank.

Bohm commented, it is up to the bank to protect us, not happy that we now have to pay for the bank for the service.

**MOTION by Bohm to Table the item and for the Board to contact their individual banks to see if fraud protection is provided on their accounts.**

**MOTION failed due to lack of support.**

Lascoe stated the banks keep nickel and diming with fees however, it is important with cyber fraud and the bank sent the information to the Treasurer.

Grader stated the point is Huntington will cover the loss if we have the protection.

Stier explained the bank offers the coverage and if the Township does not purchase, it would be the Townships loss.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the Huntington Bank fraud protection of $30.00 per month for the Townships general checking account.**

**FOR THIS MOTION: YES: Lascoe, Stier, Grader, Jarzyna**

**NO: Bohm**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Proposed amendments to the Recreation Committee By-Laws

Jarzyna explained the bylaws have been amended to reflect an hourly wage for the committee members and for the Co-Chair position for each even as discussed previously.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to approve the proposed amendments to the Recreation Committee By-Laws as presented.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Compensation Schedule – Employee Manual Appendix 1

Jarzyna stated the Recreation Leader, Co-Chair, hourly position was added to the compensation schedule.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve Employee Manual Appendix 1, Compensation Schedule, recreation leader, co-chair hourly pay rate 2019-2020.**

**MOTION carried.**

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
2. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary