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; Grader, Bohm, Stier, Lascoe and Jarzyna were present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**MOTION carried.**

3. PRESENTATION – 2020 Census Representative, Diego Lorenzetti, Recruiter for 2020 census. Census is not only a count of people it also helps determine the funding eligibility. Further stated job opportunities are available.

4. CORRESPONDENCE – Lascoe stated the Michigan Secretary of State provided information regarding the new Real ID that will be required for air travel beginning October 1, 2020. The information is available at the counter and the Township website.

5. 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.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: For Allocation of Community Development Block Grant Service Funds

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

Jarzyna invited the audience members to address the Board with requests for CDBG funding consideration.

Beth Decker, Interfaith Caregivers provided a summary of services provided for seniors and the disabled offered by Interfaith Caregivers. Further requested $168.00 of block grant funds.

Craig Latchford, Care House of Macomb County provided a summary of services provided for Macomb County children that are victims of physical and sexual abuse. Further requested $600.00 of block grant funds.

Sarah Parr, Ray Township Senior Director stated it is important to keep the money in Ray Township for the senior program. Further stated the funding provides for senior activities, mystery trips, senior social, senior exercise to keep the seniors active within the Township.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 17, 2019

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the minutes from December 17, 2019 as submitted.**

**MOTION carried.**

8. BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Stier stated the budget modifications are necessary because of the increase in the building activity. Modifications are also necessary for the election wages, election supplies and for accounting.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to approve budget modifications as presented.**

**MOTION carried.**

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Stier stated the bills list is through January 20, 2020 with the total amount of $92,767.48.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the bills list through January 20, 2020 in the amount of $92,767.48.**

**MOTION carried.**

10. OFFICER’S REPORTS

1. Supervisor Jarzyna reported that the Macomb County Department of Roads has provided information about the limestone applications for 2020. The Township will receive three miles of limestone for the gravel roads, the cost is up to $24,165.00 which is 10% of the overall job cost of $241,650.00 for 15 tons of limestone. The price increased from $15.75 per ton in 2019 to $16.11 per ton for 2020. He stated last year the Township cost was $23,625.00 for three miles of limestone application, total overall job cost was $236,250.00.

Jarzyna stated he and Trustee Bohm attended a meeting with the Macomb County Public Works and Shelby Township regarding the sewer connection. He stated they were informed by Macomb County Public Works that they will be designing and building the line into Ray Township from 25 ½ Mile Road, north to 26 Mile Road on the west side of Hayes Road. Further stated they will be attending more meetings in the coming weeks.

1. Lascoe stated the Presidential Primary election will be held on March 10, 2020 and the absentee ballots applications were mailed out on Monday, January 6th, 2020. She showed the new State approved absentee ballot white envelopes that will be used for the presidential primary. February 24th, 2020 is the last day to register in any manner other than in-person on election day at the Clerk’s office. The Clerk’s office will be open on Saturday, March 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to obtain an absentee ballot.

Lascoe announced the 45th Anniversary Ray Township Fireman’s Ball will be on Saturday, March 21st at Tina’s Country House. The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at the Fire Department or from any Ray Township Firefighter.

Lascoe reported the fiscal year 2019 Community Development Block Grant service funds of $2,200.00 were received for the Senior Director wages.

1. Treasurer Stier stated he us currently working on three projects, one is looking into the security and monitoring of the Township.

Stier reported he is looking into third party payroll services such as ADP, each year the IRS establishes different reporting rules and has become an issue. Further stated the outsourcing appears to be cost effect and he will report the findings at the next meeting.

Stier stated he was contacted by a resident regarding the mission statement. He stated the resident provides three logos for the Township to consider. He advised that if the Board likes any of the logos and would like to consider a change, the drawings could be put onto survey monkey for resident input.

Stier stated he and Clerk Lascoe have a meeting scheduled with Comcast on January 22, 2020 to review the billing contract for the Township Hall.

1. Trustee Grader stated she likes the current Ray Township logo and the ones submitted. She noted that changing the logo with only one resident submission may not be accepted well by other residents, as the opportunity was not presented to all. Further stated cannot make everyone happy.

Trustee Bohm stated he agrees with Grader and likes the current Ray Township logo. Further stated if you reduce the size of the ones submitted, they may become difficult to see.

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

**MOTION carried.**

1. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS
   1. Assessing
   2. Budget Report
   3. Building Department
   4. Fire Department Report
   5. Library Report
   6. Recreation Report
   7. Senior Report
   8. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS Report

Jarzyna reviewed the department monthly reports for December 2019.

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

**MOTION carried.**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   1. Mission Statement of Ray Township

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to table the Mission Statement Ray Township for further input.**

**MOTION carried.**

1. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Allocate Community Development Block Grant Service Funds

Jarzyna stated all the entities provide great services but the Township receives very little money.

Lascoe stated the Township will receive $2,500.00 for service funds for 2020.

Jarzyna stated Township received $2,200.00 for 2019.

Grader stated all the programs are worthwhile and wishes Ray Township received a larger sum. Further stated she values the senior services provided by Ray Township.

Bohm stated the services and organizations are very worthwhile, but the funds are very limited.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Bohm to allocate the $2,500.00 CDBG funds to the Ray Township 2020 Senior Director wages.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Request for 2020 Shooting Permit; Gilbert’s Sportsmen’s Club Inc., 60125 Omo Road.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve the Gilbert’s Sportsmen’s Club Inc., 60125 Omo Road, 2020 Shooting permit.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Fire Department request to dispose of old equipment.

Discussion was held on the old equipment and the value.

* 1. Fire Department request to sell old rescue truck on the MITN site or accept sealed bids.

Discussion was held on the sale and best method of sale.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to table items 13.c & 13d until baseline reserve prices can be established for the Fire Department old equipment and rescue truck.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Fire Department to donate old Air Packs.

Chief DiMaria stated there is a program in the county that accepts old fire equipment and a truck is sent to the upper peninsula for departments that cannot afford to purchase equipment. Further stated any equipment donated has a waiver that the donating parties from any liability.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to donate the old air packs as recommended by the Fire Chief.**

**MOTION carried.**

f. Request to attend 2020 Advanced Michigan Municipal Treasures Association.

Stier requested to attend the Treasurers Advanced conference to maintain his certification requirements. Further stated he plans to ride with another municipality.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve to attend 2020 Advanced Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Institute May 18-20, 2020 with the cost not to exceed $700.00.**

**MOTION carried.**

g. Fire Millage Renewal language for equipment and truck replacement and operations for August 4, 2020 Primary Election, Resolution Approving Ballot Propositions 2020-01.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve Resolution Approving Ballot Propositions for Resolution 2020-01 for the Millage Renewal for Fire and Rescue Department Equipment and Truck Replacement and Millage Renewal for Fire and Rescue Operations.**

**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 $1,0000.00) 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 $1,0000.00) 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: January 21, 2020**

h. Schedule Public Hearing for proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget – February 18, 2020.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to schedule public hearing for proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary