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

Stier requested item 12. A. Mission Statement of Ray Township to be removed from the agenda due to lack of interest.

**MOTION By Stier supported by Grader to remove item 12. a. Mission Statement from the agenda.**

**MOTION carried.**

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

**MOTION carried.**

3. CORRESPONDENCE –

Lascoe reported Pontem Software will be discontinuing the payroll software January 1, 2021.

Lascoe reported GFL has recently acquired a recycling facility in Huron Township to separate and sort recyclables.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to receive and file correspondence.**

**MOTION carried.**

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. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed 2020-2021 Budgets; General Operating, Building and Fire Funds

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

**MOTION carried.**

Terry Goike, 21122 32 Mile, inquired about Townships fund balance, administration fee, special assessment, the accounting wages. Further stated the two percent pay increase is within reason.

Jarzyna stated the administration fee increase is based on the taxable value of the new construction in the Township.

Stier stated the special assessment for Apple Lane is almost paid off by the residents.

Jarzyna stated the Township should have a healthy fund balance.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

6. PRESENTATION: Eagle Scout Project, Resident James Harding musical instruments for Township park and funding.

James Harding provided the Board with design renderings for a plaque to be installed near the playscape to recognize the big contributors for the project.

James advised the Board there will be a change in some of the musical instruments due to pricing, Further stated the new musical instruments are better in his opinion.

Lascoe stated this will be great addition to the park.

Stier stated the Board gave their blessing for James to proceed with his project in 2019. In recognition of his accomplishments in pursuing his rank as Eagle Scout and being so close to accomplishing his goal of raising the funds to complete his project, he would like to recommend that the Ray Township Board of Trustees make a donation to his project.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to contribute $2,000.00 to James Harding’s Eagle Scout project of the musical instruments’ playground in the Ray Township park.**

**MOTION carried.**

Grader stated it is a wonderful project and would like the Board to consider installing a hard surface for the handicapped individuals to access the instruments.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 21, 2020, January 29, 2020 & February 10, 2020

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to approve the minutes from January 21, 2020 as submitted.**

**MOTION carried.**

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve the minutes from January 29, 2020 as submitted.**

**MOTION carried.**

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the minutes from February 10, 2020 as submitted.**

**MOTION carried.**

8. BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Stier stated the budget modification as presented is necessary to ensure accounts noted won’t be out of budget.

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

**MOTION carried.**

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Stier stated amended the bills list, he stated the Stryker Medical invoice should be $13,413.97. He stated Lascoe contacted Stryker and had the sales tax removed of $804.89 since the Township is tax exempt. Further stated the amended bills list through February 13, 2020 is a total of $519,259.97.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve the bills list through February 13, 2020 in the amount of $519,259.97**

**MOTION carried.**

10. OFFICER’S REPORTS

1. Supervisor Jarzyna reported none of the Macomb Agricultural Purchase Development Rights program (PDR) grant monies were awarded in Macomb County. He stated the two farms in Macomb County scored 8th and 9th out of the thirteen other counties that applied.

Grader asked what makes other Counties standout to receive the grant money?

Jarzyna stated the set criteria for scoring is out of 500 and the Macomb County farms scored 320. The PDR grants sought the most land for the best value.

1. Lascoe stated the Presidential Primary election will be held on March 10, 2020 and the absentee ballots were mailed on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020. She announced 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 Clerks office will be open on Saturday, March 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to obtain an absentee ballot. Further stated as of today 498 absentee ballots have been issued.

Lascoe announced State Rep. Jeff Yaroch will be at Ray Township for his 2020 Winter Listening Tour on March 16, 2020 from 1 – 2 p.m. to discuss the most recent changes to Michigan’s Auto No-Fault Laws.

Lascoe reminded everyone 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 announced the Macomb County Clerk & Register of Deeds Mobile Office will be at Ray Township on Wednesday, April 15th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

1. Treasurer Stier had nothing to report
2. Trustees Grader and Bohm had nothing to report

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader 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 January 2020.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Grader to receive and file the January 2020 Department Reports.**

**MOTION carried.**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   1. *Mission Statement of Ray Township – was removed from the agenda.*
   2. Fire Department request to dispose of old equipment.

Grader inquired if the starting bid for the old rescue truck would be $6,500.00. Further asked if the MITN charges any fees.

Chief DiMaria stated he believes the MITN charges five percent.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve for the Fire Department to dispose of the old equipment as listed.**

**MOTION carried.**

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

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to allow Fire Department to sell old truck on MITN site with a minimum starting bid of $6,500.00.**

**MOTION carried.**

1. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Room Requests for Seniors Sit & Stitch Group.

Jarzyna stated the group is requesting to use the room from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve Senior Sit and Stitch group 2020 room use request for the following dates March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Sept 1, October 6, and December 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. as long as dates do not conflict with other Township business.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Room Requests for Ray Township Public Library.

Jarzyna stated the Library is requesting to use the room at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to approve Ray Township Public Library 2020 room use request for the following dates July 23, July 30, August 6 and August 13 at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Macomb Agricultural Purchase Development Rights Committee - 2020 Annual Report.

Jarzyna stated the PDR Committee has provided the 2020 annual report.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Lascoe to receive and file the 2020 Macomb Agricultural Purchase Development Rights Committee Annual report.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Election Inspectors wages.

Jarzyna stated the election inspector wages are out of date compared to other communities and recommended the Chairperson earn $15.00 per hour and the Election Inspectors wages be $11.00.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to increase election inspector wages to $11.00 per hour and election chairperson wages to $15.00 per hour.**

**MOTION carried.**

* 1. Request for Supervisor to issue a Blight ticket per Ordinance #70 for 67940 Wolcott Road.

Jarzyna stated that upon the last inspection there were 60 vehicles located on the site. The Board was provided photos of the vehicles.

Bohm stated this has been an ongoing problem for more than 10 years.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to allow Supervisor Jarzyna permission to issue ticket as necessary for ordinance violations at this 67940 Wolcott.**

**MOTION carried.**

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Terry Goike, 21122 32 Mile Road, stated there are two millage proposals on the presidential ballots. Further stated she has not seen much about the proposals.

Jarzyna stated there are sample ballots on display in the Township office and senior center. He advised there are two different types of millage’, sunset which runs out and perpetuity which does not run out but must be reset.

15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor Lori R. Lascoe, Clerk Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary