

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
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Location: Zoom Conference Meeting Id: 237 833 086
Password: 6425548096

Present: Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor
Lori Lascoe, Clerk
Doug Stier, Treasurer
Charlie Bohm, Trustee
Betty Grader, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Fred Barbret, Jeff White, Betsy Bart, Stacy Sobotka & Lisa Hall

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Stier requested to add two items to the bills list: King & King CPAs \$6,600.00 and Cassin Planning \$300.00

Lascoe asked to correct the agenda for Correspondences it should be 3. a. Bluewater Gas Storage

Further requested to add 10. h. Acceptance of Audit Report

10. i. Temporary structure for (RV/Trailer) at 22211 31 Mile Road,

MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the agenda as amended.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: a. Bluewater Gas Storage – *Added to Agenda*

Lascoe stated Bluewater Storage sent a letter dated June 12, 2020 that the Federal Regulatory Commission has issued an order authorizing the construction of the Omo Road Compressor. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2020 and continue through October 2021. They are committed to being a good neighbor and if anyone has any comments or questions during construction to contact Kelly Zagrzebski at 715-848-7342.

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 – May 19, 2020

MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the minutes from May 19, 2020 as submitted.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

Stier added King and King, C.P.A. for \$6,600.00 and Cassin Planning for \$300.00 which is reduced since he was not able to have office hours. Further stated the total bills list as amended is \$69,477.87.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the bills list totaling \$69,477.87 which includes the two invoices.

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

MOTION carried.

7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported he attended a zoom meeting with Macomb County Public Works regarding the sewer connection. Further stated there will be more meetings regarding the issue.

Jarzyna stated the Recycling Center will be open on Saturday, July 11th 2020 with an additional roll off since the center has been closed due to the covid-19.

- b. Lascoe stated after the May 19th, meeting she contacted the State Election Bureau and was informed all voters in Ray Township not on the permanent absentee list were mailed an absentee ballot application from the state. Further stated the permanent absentee list has grown to over one thousand voters.

Lascoe stated she wanted to correct her article from The Gem Newsletter, the State August 4 primary ballot does not include the Library Board but does include the precinct delegates. Further stated the ballot includes the Millage Renewal for the Fire Department Equipment and Truck Replacement, Millage Renewal for the renewal for the Fire Department Operations and the Ray Township Public Library Millage.

Lascoe stated the Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, August 2nd from 8:30 am to 4:30 to obtain an absentee ballot. She stated the absentee ballots have been delivered and they will begin testing the tabulators and hope to mail out the absentee ballots by the end of the month.

Lascoe stated she contacted the Bureau of Elections regarding the annexation of property to the Village of Romeo. The Office of the Great Seal has not given final approval of the annexation. Further stated at this time it is in the review of the State agencies.

Lascoe thanked Rudich Farm for the donation of flowers around the Township buildings.

- c. Treasurer Stier stated he settled with the county and has received the check for the delinquent taxes. Further stated the summer tax bills have been sent to the printer at this time.
- d. Trustees Grader and Bohm had nothing to report.

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

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

MOTION carried.

8. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing
b. Budget Report
c. Building Department
d. Fire Department Report

Jarzyna stated the May department monthly reports are available and can be requested by phone or email.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to receive and file the May 2020 Department Reports.

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

MOTION carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Fire Department request to sell old rescue truck on the MITN site.

Lascoe stated Chief DiMaria stated the rescue truck has been listed on the MITN and as of this morning there have been no bids.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to Table the Fire Department Rescue Truck.
FOR THIS MOTION; Yes: Bohm, Grader, Lascoe, Stier, Jarzyna
No: None**

MOTION carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Confirmation of phone poll for Purchase a computer for Supervisor

**MOTION by Bohm supported Stier to approve the purchase of a computer for the Supervisor from SYO
Computer Engineering Services for \$2,755.00 plus shipping.**

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

MOTION carried.

b. Michigan Township Association membership dues

**MOTION by Stier supported Grader to approve the Michigan Township Association membership dues
for a total of \$3,945.47.**

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

MOTION carried.

c. SEMCOG 50/50 match program for spraying of phragmites

Jarzyna stated SEMCOG oversees the phragmites spraying due to covid-19 and is offering a 50/50 match program. He presented a map of the area that needs to be sprayed for the phragmites and stated Macomb County Department of Road is offering up to \$3,000.00 match. Further stated the spraying is going out for bid at this time.

**MOTION by Bohm supported Stier to participate in the SEMCOG 50/50 phragmite spraying up to
\$3,000.00.**

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

MOTION carried.

d. Resolution to Approve Participation in Pay as you Stay Pursuant to MCL 211.78g, Resolution No. 2020-08
Stier explained the County Treasurer Office is asking for a Resolution from the Board supporting the PAYS program for property owner's delinquent on taxes.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to Approve Resolution 2020-08 – To Approve Participation in
Pay as You Stay Pursuant to MCL 211.78g**

**RAY TOWNSHIP
Resolution Number: 2020-08**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN
PAY AS YOU STAY PURSUANT TO MCL 211.78g**

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Pay as You Stay (“PAYS”) bill was enacted into law under MCL 211.78.

WHEREAS the County Treasurer of Macomb, as the foreclosing governmental unit, is seeking to implement a program under MCL 211.78g(8), and has provided written notice to the treasurer [of the local unit] via letter dated June 1, 2020 detailing the Treasurer’s intent to implement the program and informing the Ray Township that they have the option to participate in the program;

WHEREAS the Ray Township has 21 days to provide written notice of participation in the program: and

WHEREAS MCL 211.78g(10) requires this governing body of Ray Township to pass a resolution approving the Ray Township participation in the PAYS program and to provide a written notice of participation to the Macomb County Treasurer via the Ray Township Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of Ray Township approves participation of the Ray Township in the PAYS program.

FOR THIS RESOLUTION: AYES: Grader, Stier, Lascoe, Bohm, Jarzyna

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

e. SMART Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for FY 2021

Fred Barbret, SMART indicated the annual contract is for FY 2021 from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Further stated SMART has open during the pandemic.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Grader to approve the SMART Contract for FY 2021 for Richmond Lenox EMS Ambulance Authority at the cost of \$3,686.00 in Municipal Credit, Van/Bus Operations at the cost of \$7,263.00 in Community Credit and \$2,464.00 of Community Credit for Richmond Lenox EMS Ambulance Authority.

FOR THIS RESOLUTION: AYES: Bohm, Grader, Lascoe, Stier, Jarzyna

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

f. Richmond Lenox EMS Ambulance Authority Contract

MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to Approve the Contract for Emergency Medical Services between Richmond Lenox E.M.S. Ambulance Authority and the Township of Ray at no cost from 7-1-2020 to 6-30-2021.

FOR THIS RESOLUTION: AYES: Grader, Stier, Lascoe, Bohm, Jarzyna

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

g. Brush hogging

Grader stated she was abstaining from the agenda item since Grader Farms, her son submitted a bid.

Stier stated two bids were received for brush hogging the Roxbury Lane, Township property. He stated for the 2020 brush hogging Grader Farms submitted a bid for \$590.00 and Dean Reinhardt submitted a bid for \$325.00 and for any additional lots that need weed cutting in the Township would be billed at a rate of \$52.00 per hour plus a half-hour travel time per lot. Further asked if the Board would like to extend the bid for two years.

Jarzyna stated two letters have been sent to property owners that have not mowed.

Bohm stated the issue should be reviewed yearly.

MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to enter into an agreement with Dean Reinhardt for the Brush hogging at Roxbury Lane for \$325.00 per cutting for the year.

FOR THIS MOTION: AYES: Bohm, Stier, Lascoe, Jarzyna

ABSTAINED: Grader

MOTION carried.

h. Acceptance of the Audit Report
Jarzyna stated the audit was in good standing.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to accept the 2019-20 Audit report as presented by King & King.
FOR THIS MOTION: Yes: Bohm, Stier, Lascoe, Grader, Jarzyna
No: None**

MOTION carried.

i. Request for Temporary Structure Permit for 22211 31 Mile Road
Lascoe stated the request is for a temporary structure permit while they are building their home. Further stated a \$2500.00 bond would be required for a six month permit.

Jarzyna stated they would not need longer than a couple months.

Grader had asked what type of temporary structure.
Jarzyna stated they would stay in a RV/trailer.

**MOTION by Bohm supported by Stier to approve the Temporary Structure (RV/Trailer) permit for
22211 31 Mile Road with the condition that a \$2,500.00 bond be posted for six months.
MOTION carried: Yes: Bohm, Stier, Lascoe, Grader, Jarzyna**

No: None

MOTION carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 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