

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
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Location: Ray Township Hall
64255 Wolcott, Ray, MI 48096

Present: Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor
Lori Lascoe, Clerk
Betsy Bart, Treasurer
Betty Grader, Trustee
Doug Stier, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Eighteen residents were in attendance.

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, Bart, Grader and Stier were present.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -Lascoe asked the Board to remove item 9.a from the agenda.
MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve agenda as amended.
MOTION carried.
3. CORRESPONDENCES:
Lascoe stated the correspondences received were for the agenda item that was removed.
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.

There were no public comments at this time.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 16, 2021 & March 30, 2021
MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021 as submitted.
MOTION carried.

MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve the minutes from March 30, 2021 as submitted.
MOTION carried.
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST
Treasurer Bart stated the bills list through April 13, 2021 total is \$84,032.30.
MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the bills list through April 13, 2021 totaling \$84,032.30.
MOTION carried.
8. OFFICER'S REPORTS
 - a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported he spoke with Ken Goike, Macomb County Public Works regarding the possibility of adding the rest of the Priest Drain clean-out between 30 and 31 Mile Rd. He also discussed working in tandem with Lenox Township on cleaning and the repair of the Ray-Lenox drain north from 29 Mile Road.
 - b. Clerk Lascoe reported to the Board payment was received for the attorney fees for the first amendment for the Consent Judgment for Steve VanSteenkiste.

Lascoe reported the Community Development Block Grant invoice was paid for the staffing for the distribution of the senior lunches.
 - c. Treasurer Bart reported she is working with the County to complete the 2020 tax year settlement.
 - d. Trustees Grader reported the 19th was clean your ditch day.

9. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing Report
- b. Budget Report
- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report
- e. Library Report – no report was provided.
- f. Recreation/Senior Report

Jarzyna reported there were 215 meals served at the March Senior drive thru luncheon. The next luncheon is scheduled for this Thursday, April 22nd. On March 27, the drive thru Easter event was well attended, with about 75 to 80 cars. All but five of the Easter baskets were claimed.

- g. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS Report -

Jarzyna reviewed the monthly reports and stated they are available if anyone would like a copy.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bart to receive and file the March 2021 Department Reports.

MOTION carried.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

~~a. Planning Commission recommendation for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance No. 36; Section 3001-Definitions, Section 218 Temporary Structures, Section 200 Accessory Structures, Section 1815 Fences and Walls, Section 222 Height exceptions, Section 201 Keeping of Animals (Chickens), Section 222 Dumpsters at Construction sites, Section 403 Special Land Uses, Section 2900 Certificate of Zoning Compliance, Section 2900B Wells, Section 2110 Engineering Reviews, Section 2205 Engineering reviews.~~

Item was removed from the agenda.

- b. Fire Department building addition and rehab

Jarzyna reported the drawings for the building addition and rehab are at the Township and available for the Board members to review. He stated four options have been provided. The costs range from \$1.5 to \$3 million dollars.

MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to receive and file the information for the Fire Department building addition and rehab for further review.

MOTION carried.

- c. Assistant Fire Chief position

Jarzyna stated the Board has accepted the resignation of Nathan McKee and there is an opening for the Assistant Chief position.

Stier asked if the process should be the same as before, interview with two board members and a fire official from another local community?

Grader asked if the job posting requirements would be the same as the NOPS book for the position?

Chief DiMaria stated yes.

Jarzyna asked Chief DiMaria if in house would be sufficient?

Chief DiMaria stated in house will be sufficient.

Stier asked DiMaria if he would provide the requirements for the job posting? Further asked the Chief agreed with also advertising outside of the department.

Chief DiMaria advised the job posting requirements will be the same and will be provided. Further agreement with posting the position outside of the department too.

MOTION by Stier supported by Jarzyna to advertise in and out of house for the Assistant Fire Chief position.

MOTION carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Confirmation of 4-1-2021 phone poll to offer of employment for Building, Planning & Zoning Clerk
Jarzyna stated the phone poll was conducted on 4/1/21 for the purpose of hiring Lora Maue for the Building, Planning and Zoning Clerk position. The votes were 5 ayes, 0 nays.

MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to accept confirmation of 4/1/21 phone poll to hire new Building, Planning and Zoning Clerk, Lora Maue at \$18.00 per hour.
MOTION carried.

b. Summer recreation events

Jarzyna asked the Board for their input regarding upcoming recreation events?

Grader commented based on the numbers of Covid-19 cases consistently increasing and she felt events should be postponed.

Lascoe stated she agrees. Further stated the office door is locked and residents schedule an appointment or knock on the door for assistance at this time.

Jarzyna asked if the Board would in interested in revisiting this later in the year.

MOTION by Grader supported by Bart to cancel any plans presently in place or looking at for summer recreation events. The item will be reviewed at the August 2021 meeting.
MOTION carried.

c. 2021 Pavilion Rental Agreements

Bart stated some minor edits have been made to the pavilion rental agreement. She stated the edit reads: Refunds of park maintenance fees are issued in emergency situations only.

MOTION by Lascoe supported Bart to approve 2021 Pavilion Rental Agreement as presented.
MOTION carried.

d. Request authorization to seek bids for tree clean up for future parking area

Jarzyna asked the board to allow him to seek bids for removal of some trees on the Township property south of the library where the overflow parking is to be constructed.

Grader requested an arborist be contacted regarding the large old tree which is in the tree line.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to allow Supervisor to seek bids for tree removal for the Township property and to obtain arborist opinion of the large old maple tree.
MOTION carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief DiMaria advised the Board the Fire and Rescue Department are the recipients of a \$1,000.00 grant from Macomb Schools and Government Credit Union.

Mary Barnes, 64120 Wolcott asked what type of surface will the parking lot next to the library be made of?

Jarzyna stated it will be a coarse aggregate base with 21AA on top of the base, will not be hard surface at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
MOTION carried.