

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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: 12 residents

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.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Lascoe added item 10. g Drain Maintenance Match Program for Ray Lenox – Priest Drain
MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve the agenda as amended.
MOTION carried.
3. CORRESPONDENCES: 11-18-21 Christopher Carr, Lascoe stated another correspondence was received today with no date.
MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to receive and file the correspondence from Christopher Carr.
MOTION carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items
Supervisor Jarzyna asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the agenda items to come to the podium.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2021
MOTION by Lascoe supported by Grader to approve the minutes from November 16, 2021 as submitted.
MOTION carried.
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST
Treasurer Bart stated the bill list is through December 14, 2021 the amount for approval is \$77,581.73.
MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the bills list through December 14, 2021 totaling \$77,581.00 as presented.
MOTION carried.
7. OFFICER’S REPORTS
 - a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported two PDR meetings have been held. Two farms in Macomb County have been sent to the state for purchase approval. He stated one is the Fuersteneau Farm in Richmond and the second is the Falker Farm in Bruce Township.

Jarzyna also reported Treasurer Bart will be taking over as the Board Liaison to the Recreation Committee as he is stepping aside.
 - b. Clerk Lascoe reported she did not attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Master Academy on November 30, December 1 and 2 due to not feeling well and with covid on the rise. Further stated the Township will be reimbursed for the seminar since she contacted them on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

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Lascoe reported the Planning Commission had a meeting on December 14, 2021 for a special land use for a development for recreational vehicle storage facility located on the east side of North Avenue between 26 and 27 Mile Roads. She stated the property is zoned residential transitional and she felt the business hours should be restricted to 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. since the property is zoned residential. The Planning Commission approved the special land use for the recreational vehicle storage facility with no restriction of the hours of operation. Further stated she voted opposed to the project since she felt the hours should be restricted.

Lascoe stated the State of Michigan held an audit for the November 2, 2021 election for the 8th district senator. She stated the audit was held in Mt Clemens with the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections and Macomb County elections. She stated the selected precincts were then hand tallied for each ballot. Further stated Ray Township tally was the same as election night.

Lascoe wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- c. Treasurer Bart reported the winter tax bills went out December 1, 2021 and can be paid without penalty through February 28, 2022. The Township offices will be open Tuesday, December 28, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 29, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She announced on February 28, 2022 the Treasurer office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bart wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- d. Trustee Grader thanked the Record Newspaper and all who took pictures at the tree lighting.

Grader wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Stier also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jarzyna wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**MOTION by Bart supported by Stier to receive and file the Officers Reports.
MOTION carried.**

8. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing Report
- b. Budget Report
- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report-no report provided.
- e. Library Report- no report provided.
- f. Recreation Report
- g. Senior Report
- h. SMART/Richmond Lenox EMS Report

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Grader to receive and file the November 2021 Department Reports.
MOTION carried.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2022 Legal Holidays

Jarzyna stated the Board has received the 2022 Legal Holiday schedule.

Lascoe stated she did include the primary and the general election dates due to the volume of absentee ballots the absentee counting board processes. Further stated they are sequestered in the office.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to approve the 2022 Legal Holiday Schedule as presented.
MOTION carried.**

b. Shooting Permit for Gilbert's Sports Club

Jarzyna stated Gilbert's Sports Club has submitted the annual shooting permit.

Lascoe stated Gilbert's have provided the proof of insurance and paid the annual fee for 2022.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve the 2022 shooting permit for Gilbert's Sports Club.
MOTION carried.**

c. Request to attend Michigan Municipal Treasures Association Winter Workshop

Treasurer Bart requested to attend the Treasurers Winter Workshop on January 20-21, 2022 in Lansing for \$149.00 plus \$99.00 for lodging.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve for the Treasurer to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Winter Workshop at a cost not to exceed \$250.00 plus mileage.
MOTION carried.**

d. Recommendation of Reappointment to the Planning Commission

Supervisor Jarzyna recommended the reappointment of Tom Penzien and John Zoccola to the Planning Commission for three years with the term ending 1-1-2025.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the reappointment of Tom Penzien and John Zoccola to the Planning Commission for three years with the term ending 1-1-2025.
MOTION carried.**

e. Recommendation of Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Supervisor Jarzyna recommended the reappointment of Tom Penzien and the appointment of Steve Dalton to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years with the term ending 1-1-2025.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the reappointment of Tom Penzien to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Appointment of Steve Dalton to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years.
MOTION carried.**

f. Schedule CDBG Public Hearing for January 18, 2022

Lascoe stated the Township will be receiving \$2,500.00 for Community Development Block Grant service funds. Further requested to schedule the public hearing to January 18, 2022.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to schedule the CDBG Public Hearing for January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM.
MOTION carried.**

Lascoe explained the CDBG Brick and Mortar funds applications are selected throughout the County on competitive applications. She explained Ray Township does not have a low-income housing area and would not qualify.

g. Drain Maintenance Match Program – Ray Lenox Priest Drain

Jarzyna stated there is still work to be completed in the Priest Drain and Macomb County Public Works has offered the drain matching program for the Priest Drain and the Ray-Lenox Drain. The County normally does a 50/50 program but is offering to pay \$16,000.00 and the Townships portion would be \$9,000.00.

Bart asked when this would be due?

Jarzyna stated it would be paid out of the current budget year.

MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve \$9,000.00 payment to participate in the Macomb County Public Works Drain Maintenance Match Program to Clear Grub and Reshape approximately 3,000 lf of the Ray-Lenox Frain and approximately 700 lf of the Priest Drain with expected completion Spring of 2022.

MOTION carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Jensenius, 60400 Indian Trail, asked if correspondence is not open to the public?

Jarzyna stated the correspondence received is addressed to the Board. Further stated the correspondence could be FOIA, if he would like a copy.

Chris Carr, 63295 Romeo Plank, stated he feels the Ray Township Fire Fighters are being discriminated against. He stated he requested to be placed on the agenda and assumed the letters sent would be read.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC
Clerk

Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary