

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AT 1:00 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: Representatives from Macomb County Road Commission Highway Engineers
Jim DiMaria, Fire Chief
Harold DeMan, Fire Inspector

1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES & ROLL CALL.**
Supervisor Jarzyna called the special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Lascoe called roll; Jarzyna, Lascoe, Bart, Grader and Stier were present.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve agenda as presented.
MOTION carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** - For Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **26 Mile Road and Hayes Road Intersection Improvements by MCRC**

Supervisor Jarzyna stated a meeting was held with the Macomb County Road Commission regarding the intersection of 26 Mile Road and Hayes Road.

Representative from the Macomb County Road Commission stated in a meeting in December, the safety concerns for the intersection of 26 Mile Road and Hayes Road were discussed. He explained the proposed road improvements would include the following: 1) left turn lane on eastbound 26 Mile Road to northbound Hayes Road and the left turn lane on westbound 26 Mile Road to southbound Hayes 2) 70' storage and 330' taper west of Hayes Road 3) 200' storage and 330' taper east of Hayes Road 4) guardrail relocation. He stated Macomb, Shelby and Washington Townships have already approved the funding for intersection. Further stated the project total cost estimate \$815,000.00 with Macomb, Ray, Shelby and Washington Townships will be responsible for fifty percent of all project costs. Macomb County Department of Roads will be responsible for fifty percent of all project costs.

The Board agreed on the need of the intersection improvements, including a traffic light for safety of the public.

Discussion was held on the funding of the project for Ray Townships contribution.

Representative from MCRC, stated the Michigan Department of Transportation does offer a loan program and he would provide the information for the state infrastructure loan program for the Board for financing the project.

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to Table the 26 Mile Road Intersection Improvements by MCRC to the next meeting.
MOTION carried.

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b. Work Session for Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Operating Budget, Building Fund and Fire Fund Supervisor Jarzyna reviewed the general operating and building fund budgets. He stated there are a few line items that are incorrect. Further distributed the building fund budget of expenses.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 general operating budget and building fund by each line item and made adjustments as discussed.

Jarzyna stated the proposed budget includes a three percent increase for the full time employees.

Lascoe stated she provided the Board the salaries for Armada, Bruce and Richmond Townships and the Village of Romeo. Further stated Richmond Township is only open three days a week, they are closed Wednesday and Fridays.

Chief DiMaria distributed copies of the Fire Fund budget for the Board to review.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 Fire Fund budget.

Chief DiMaria stated he would include the Community Training Center Revenue to the Fire budget again but with covid the program was stopped. Further stated the budget reflects a three percent increase for the fire department wages.

Jarzyna inquired on the Clerical employee at the fire department.

Chief DiMaria stated she has resigned from the department several months ago and he and the Fire Inspector have been completing the duties. Further inquired about holiday pay for fire runs and inquired on which holidays.

The Board discussed adding holiday pay for fire runs on: Easter Day, Veteran's Day, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

No formal action was taken.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grader supported by Jarzyna to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC
Clerk
Recording Secretary

Date