

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.  
PAGE 1 of 2

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: Harold DeMan, Jr., Fire Marshal  
Mark Hoskin

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 10:00 a.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 Grader to approve agenda as presented.  
MOTION carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendation for Fire Chief and to set salary

Supervisor Jarzyna stated on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 interviews were conducted at the Township office for the Fire Chief position. He stated Trustee Stier, New Haven Fire Chief Daniel Stier and himself conducted the interviews of three candidates.

Stier stated the interview process was a couple of hours. He stated it was not easy for the committee, but agreed upon one candidate who knew the most about the Township. Further stated he feels Mark Hoskin is best candidate for the community and very motivated moving the Fire Department forward.

Jarzyna stated the committee recommended offering the Fire Chief position to Mark Hoskin. He stated he was the candidate who stood out and was the best candidate for the Township. Further stated he is an instructor and has trained many of the Ray Township firefighters.

Discussion was held on the candidate job qualifications and experience.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate with Mark Hoskin for the Fire Chief position.**

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

**MOTION carried.**

Jarzyna stated he would contact Bob Seibert the Township Attorney to draft an Employment Contract for the Fire Chief position.

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.  
PAGE 2 of 2

b. Congresswoman’s Community Funded Projects Requests and FY 2023 Appropriations Request

Supervisor Jarzyna stated Congresswoman Lisa McClain reached out to the Township to make sure we are aware of the Congresswoman’s Community Funded Projects Requests and FY 2023 Appropriations Request. The Congress of the United States is currently allowed to accept application requests for “shovel-ready” projects through April 15, 2022. Supervisor Jarzyna stated the Township has plans for a Fire Department rebuild at an approximate cost of \$1.5 million but the issue is funding the project. He explained this grant is a fifty-fifty match and the Township could request \$750,000.00. The Township could also use the \$425,000.00 from the American Rescue Funds and the remaining funds from the General Fund.

Treasurer Bart confirmed the Township is expecting to receive a total of \$425,000.00 from the American Rescue Funds. Further stated the first tranche received was for \$212,425.00 and the second tranche should be deposited in the fall.

Jarzyna stated the fire department millage funds cannot be used for the building. He stated the Township owns the Fire Department and Library and the funds must come out of the General Fund.

Bart stated she has begun working on the grant for this project and stated Lascoe suggested including photos of the Fire Department building including inside and outside.

Jarzyna stated the Township does not have \$4-5 million for a new Fire Department building. He stated AEW has plans for Fire Departments that cost \$3-4 million. Further stated he reached out to the Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, Macomb County Commissioner Don Brown, State Representative Jeff Yaroch and Senator Douglas C. Wozniak for letters supporting the federal funding to address the needed improvements to the existing fire station.

The Township Board executed the letter to Honorable Congresswoman Lisa McClain for funding to improve and expand the existing fire station for the fifty-fifty grant for the Township Fire Department building.

No further action was taken.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.**  
**MOTION carried.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC  
Clerk  
Recording Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date