

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, 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
Betty Grader, Trustee
Doug Stier, Trustee

Absent: Betsy Bart, Treasurer

Also Present: 62 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, Grader and Stier were present. Absent: Bart.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Clerk Lascoe requested to add item 4. a. Correspondence from Macomb Township Planning Department and Consumers Energy.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to approve the agenda as amended.
MOTION carried.**

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT:
a. Certificate of Appreciation from the Macomb County Medical Control Authority for covid response will be presented to the Ray Township Fire Department
Luke Bowles, Operations Manager of Macomb County EMS Medical Control Authority (MCA) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the to the Fire Department. MCA presented an EMS Provider of the year award to each agency in the Macomb County.

Mr. Bowles read the Certificate of Appreciation award aloud for the Fire Department.

b. Ceremonial Swearing in of Fire Chief Mark Hoskin.
Clerk Lascoe asked Mark Hoskins and the Board to come forward for the swearing in ceremony.

Clerk Lascoe asked Mark Hoskins to raise his right hand and administered the Oath of Office for Ray Township Fire Chief.

Chief Hoskin's wife pinned his Fire Chief badge. He received a collar insignia pin from Detroit Fire Department Chaplain Carl Seitz, who was his fire chief during his time at Harrison Township.

Chaplain Seitz spoke a benediction for Chief Hoskin and the Fire Department.

Chief Hoskins received congratulations and took pictures with family, friends and old and new coworkers.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:
Lascoe read the correspondences:
a. Macomb Township Planning Department sent a notice that on March 9th, 2022 the Macomb Township Board of Trustees adopted the Master Plan for Macomb Township – “Cultivate Macomb!”. The full version of Cultivate Macomb can be found on the website.

- b. Consumers Energy for the Ray Compressor Station will be conducting a Safety Open House and Tour on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., and RSVP was due by May 13, 2022. Further stated the notice is posted in the Township Hall.

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to receive and file the correspondences.
MOTION carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items

Supervisor Jarzyna asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the agenda items to come to the podium.

Barbara Sparks, 59880 North Avenue, stated she understands senior center has a no communal food policy. She stated the Staff Assistant had informed her the senior center is not licensed by the Macomb County Health Department. Why isn't Ray Township licensed?

Supervisor Jarzyna stated Ray Township would have to provide a commercial kitchen acceptable to the Macomb County Health Department regulations and it would be too costly for the Township.

Ms. Sparks asked if that means we will never have one?

Jarzyna stated the seniors can bring in food for a potluck. There is a refrigerator that can be used and a microwave, but no cooking can be done in the senior center.

Ms. Sparks stated she will contact the Heath Department with further questions.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting April 19,2022

MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022 and April 27, 2022 as submitted.

MOTION carried.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Stier stated the bills list total is \$92,685.33. Further asked if any Board member had a question on the bills.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Grader to approve the bills list for \$95,685.33.

MOTION carried.

8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported he is currently working on the phragmite map. He explained the previous spraying has slowed the growth and has seen success with the program. Further stated there are areas on 31 Mile Road, 26 Mile Road and Romeo Plank between 29 and 30 Mile Roads.

- b. Clerk Lascoe reported all registered voters in the Township were mailed a new Voter Identification Card as required by state law because of the 2020 census. She stated they were mailed out on the first week of May. The new ID Card lists the Precinct and the new House, Senate and Congressional districts.

Lascoe stated the Planning Commission did not have a meeting in May due to lack of items. The Master Plan survey is still available for anyone to complete.

Lascoe reported the newest Recreation Committee member, Jessica Hicks was sworn in on April 27, 2022.

Lascoe reminded everyone to Save the Date for Ray Day which is the last Sunday June 26th, 2022 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

- c. Treasurer Bart was absent.

d. Grader and Stier had nothing to report.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Jarzyna to receive and file the Officers Reports.
MOTION carried.**

9. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing Report
- b. Budget Report
- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report
- e. Library Report & State of the Library 2021-22
Christy DeMeulenaere, Director presented the State of the Library report.
- f. Senior Report
- g. Richmond Lenox EMS/SMART Report
Supervisor Jarzyna read the department reports.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Jarzyna to receive and file the April 2022 Department Reports.
MOTION carried.**

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Revised bid for 2022 limestone cost from MCRC
Jarzyna stated the Board previously approved to participate in the 2022 limestone project for \$25,005.00. He explained the County has received a six percent price increase due to the cost of material and fuel. The updated cost to the Township will be \$26,595.00.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to accept and approved the increased cost \$26,595.00 to participate in the Macomb County Department of Roads limestone programs.
MOTION carried.**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Investment Policy
Stier stated Treasurer Bart has researched the Investment Policy and has had the Township Attorney review the updated proposed policy.

Grader stated she has questions on the proposed policy.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to table the Investment Policy.
MOTION carried.**

- b. Addition of Trustees to a General Law Township Board – Ballot language Resolution Approving Ballot Proposition language for the General Election – November 8, 2022

Clerk Lascoe stated Trustee Stier brought this matter to her attention. She stated she contacted Michigan Township Association and the Township Attorney regarding the case law. She explained the Township is a general law township and is authorized to add two trustees for a total of four trustees if it has a population of 5,000 or more or if there are 3,000 or more qualified registered voters. She stated the Township has over 3,000 registered voters. Further explained the Township must put the question of adding two trustees on the ballot for the November 2022 general election. She stated then it would be on the ballot for the residents to vote on if they would like two additional trustees. Further stated a resolution is required to get the ballot language on the November 8th, 2022 general election ballot.

MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to approve Resolution Approving Ballot Proposition, Resolution 2022-07 as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT PROPOSITION
Resolution 2022-07

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Ray, County of Macomb, Michigan held in the Township municipal offices in Ray Township on May 17, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

PRESENT: Members Joseph Jarzyna, Lori Lascoe, Betty Grader and Doug Stier

ABSENT: Members Betsy Bart

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Grader and supported by Lascoe.

WHEREAS, the Ray Township Board currently consists of five members, two of which are Township Trustees; and

WHEREAS, MCL 168.358(4) provides that in any township having a population of 5,000 or more, or having 3,000 or more qualified and registered electors, there may be elected four Township Trustees; and

WHEREAS, MCL 168.358(4) provides that in any township having 3,000 or more qualified and registered electors, the question of electing additional trustees must be submitted to the electors at either a general November election or annual meeting of the township; and

WHEREAS, Ray Township currently has 3,000 or more qualified and registered electors, therefore the Township is required to place the question of electing additional trustees before the electors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAY, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THAT:

1. The following ballot question shall be submitted to the electors at the November, 2022 general election:
TOWNSHIP OF RAY

**PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE
NUMBER OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Shall the Township Board of Trustees of Ray Township, County of Macomb, be expanded from five (5) members to seven (7) members by the election of two (2) additional Township Trustees, who shall be elected at the next general November election?

() YES () NO

2. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to take such action as may be required to include the proposition on the ballot for the November 2022 general election.

AYES: Members Betty Grader, Lori Lascoe, Doug Stier, Joe Jarzyna

ABSENT: Member Betsy Bart

NAYS: Members None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

c. Purchase Fire Department pickup

Supervisor Jarzyna stated four bids were received to purchase a pickup for the Fire Department. He read the four bids as follows: 1. Imlay City Ford, \$42,895.00, 2. Todd Wetzel GMC Buick, \$36,415.00, 3. Berger Chevrolet, \$38,151.00 and 4. Todd Wetzel Chevrolet, \$36,310.00 and stated all the trucks were comparable. He informed the Board that he asked Chief Hoskins for his recommendation on the pickup. Further stated he recommended the Chevrolet 2500HD because it has larger all-terrain tires and the Safety Confidence package.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to purchase the 2022 Chevrolet 2500HD for the Fire Department pick up from Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids, MI at a cost of \$38,151.00.

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

No: None

Absent: Bart

MOTION carried.

Trustee Stier stated there will be additional items needed for the vehicle after it is delivered. Further stated it will be made into a Fire Department vehicle.

Grader stated she was not aware of additional costs.

Lascoe stated the truck will serve as a mobile command center.

d. Request for Temporary Structure permit for 68355 Wolcott Road.

Jarzyna stated the Parisi family lost their home to a fire and the home has been demolished. He stated they have applied for a building permit to construct a new home on the property. He explained the septic and well are still in place. He advised the Building Official Dennis Lemieux has provided approval for the temporary structure request subject to the following: 1) Building permit being obtained for the new home, 2) Approval from the Macomb County Health Department for the well, 3) Approval from the Macomb County Health Department to be able to tap into the septic field and 4) Bond being posted for the temporary structure of \$2,500.00.

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to allow a Temporary Structure permit for 68355 Wolcott while the new home is under construction with the following conditions:

- 1) Building permit being obtained for the new home.**
- 2) Approval from the Macomb County Health Department for the well.**
- 3) Approval from the Macomb County Health Department to be able to tap into the septic field.**
- 4) Bond being posted for the temporary structure of \$2,500.00.**

MOTION carried.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terri Goike, 21122 32 Mile, stated the Friends of the Library and Historical Group are working on the Procter Cemetery Monument restoration project. She stated they currently have about \$7,000.00 and will be applying for a grant with the Four County Foundation. She explained they have contacted a restoration company willing to do the work for about \$10,000.00. She explained there are tablet stones that need repair and many of the monuments are leaning. She stated they are accepting donations at the library and will hold a silent auction on Ray Day for the donated items. Further asked for a letter of support from the Township for the grant that will be submitted to the Four County Foundation.

Grader inquired if the restoration company is the company that did such a great job at the Davis Cemetery.

Terri Goike stated the goal is to raise about another \$9,000.00 to do the monuments in the Procter Cemetery. Further stated they are also working on archiving the historical records. She stated they are also helping out the Washington Historical Society, to raise money to replace the roof for the 1916 Washington High School. She announced they will be holding a golf outing on June 16th, 2022 and the proceeds go toward the roof project.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC
Clerk

Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary