

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 AT 9:30 A.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: Jason Abro, Commander of Macomb County Sheriffs Office
Mark Hoskin, Fire Chief

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 9:30 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 Bart supported by Grader to approve agenda as presented.
MOTION carried.

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

There were no public comments.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. **Ballot Proposition for Police Protection – Resolution 2209-09**

Supervisor Jarzyna announced Jason Abro is present to answer any questions the Board may have regarding a contract with the Sheriffs Department if the voters approve a millage for police protection.

Jason Abro, Commander of Macomb County Sheriffs Office explained if the Township signs a contract with the Sheriffs Department. The proposed contract would be for one deputy for each shift, seven days a week in the Township. The detective bureau, narcotics division, polygraph, traffic division, lawsuits, clerical staff for FOIA, including the vehicle and all maintenance is also included.

Jarzyna stated the Boards concern is the 2.7 mills to cover a contract for police protection.

Jason Abro stated the Sheriffs Office would work with the Township. He explained with a contract a deputy would be assigned to the Township.

Stier stated 2.8 mills would need to cover the police protection contract and no shortage would come from the general fund.

Jason Abro stated the Sheriffs Office presence in the community deters crime. Further stated two vehicles are assigned to float through the norther communities.

Discussion was held on the proposed sample contract.

Jason Abro stated the Township would need to provide a space for a desk and computer for the deputies and an area for male/female changing stations. Further explained the Sheriffs Department would pro-rate the contract depending on the start of a contract if approved.

Grader stated the police protection ballot millage would be up to the voters of Ray Township.

Bart stated she checked with the Township Auditors on the proposed millage rate but has a concern since the Sheriff Department union contract will be up in 2024. Further stated she agrees with Stier she does not want the Township general fund to subsidize a police protection millage.

Grader asked if the Township could request areas for the deputy to work traffic stops.

Jason Abro stated the liaison would provide statistic and report to the Supervisor on the needs of the Township. Further stated they would set up speed trailers, etc.

Lascoe stated the ballot proposition resolution would need to be approved for the issue to be on the ballot.

Stier stated he has gone over the millage proposal and does not believe 2.7 mils will cover the police protection millage. He stated he feels 2.8 mils would be required to adequately service the residents. Further stated his concern is the union contract for 2025 for the Sheriffs Department.

The Board discussed 2.8 mils in order to adequately serve the residents of Ray Township and the ballot proposition to be \$2.80 for each \$1,000.00 of taxable value.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to Approve the Resolution Approving Ballot Proposition, Millage for Police Protection – Resolution 2022-09 as follows:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT PROPOSITION
MILLAGE FOR POLICE PROTECTION
Resolution No. 2022-09**

Minutes of a special meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Ray, Macomb County, Michigan, held in the Township Municipal Offices in said Township on August 8, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock A.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

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

ABSENT: Members None

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

WHEREAS, Ray Township is growing at a rate which requires police protection for residents and businesses located within the community; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to seek voter approval to raise funds for police protection services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to obtain voter approval of a millage of 2.8 mils in order to adequately serve the residents of Ray Township.

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

The following ballot question shall be submitted to the electors at the November 8, 2022 general election:

MILLAGE FOR POLICE PROTECTION

SHALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION UPON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE LEVIED ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF RAY, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN BE INCREASED BY 2.8 MILLS FOR EACH ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR (\$2.80 FOR EACH \$1,000.00) OF THE TAXABLE VALUE OF SUCH PROPERTY, AS FINALLY EQUALIZED, PURSUANT TO 33 PA 1951, AS AMENDED, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS (2023 THROUGH 2025 INCLUSIVE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING POLICE PROTECTION WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF RAY?

THE ESTIMATED REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED IN THE FIRST YEAR THAT THE MILLAGE IS AUTHORIZED AND LEVIED IS \$728,930.

THE PROPOSED MILLAGE REPRESENTS NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE.

() YES () NO

1. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to take such action as may be required to include the proposition on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 general election.

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

NAYS: Members None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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b. Handrail for Township Office – previously approved 7-20-21

Supervisor Jarzyna reported the Board approved the handrail back in July of 2021 but has been unable to get the material. He explained D-Fence has found a vendor from Ohio that will provide the material within four weeks and the material cost is \$6,865.00.

MOTION by Jarzyna supported by Stier to approve the Handrail material for the Township Office for \$6,865.00.

MOTION carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC
Clerk
Recording Secretary

Date