

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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
Betsy Bart, Treasurer
Betty Grader, Trustee
Doug Stier, Trustee

Absent: None.

Also Present: 15 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 were present.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
**MOTION by Bart supported by Lascoe to approve the agenda.
MOTION carried.**
3. CORRESPONDENCE -None
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items
Supervisor Jarzyna asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the agenda items to come to the podium.
There were no public comments.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting July 19, 2022 and August 8, 2022
**MOTION by Grader supported by Bart to approve the minutes from July 19, 2022 and August 8, 2022 as submitted.
MOTION carried.**
6. APPROVAL OF BILLS
Treasurer Bart stated the bills list total is \$107,860.10. Further asked if any Board member had questions regarding the bills list.
Lascoe noted that Muni-Code has been bought out by Civic Plus.
**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the bills list through August 16, 2022 for \$107,860.10.
MOTION carried.**
7. OFFICER'S REPORTS
 - a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported John Abraham of the Macomb County Department of Roads notified him they received Resolution 2022-08 for the Hamlet of Davis and since it pertains to the speed limit as per state law the Michigan State Police have been contacted and the County is awaiting a response. The MCDR traffic department is also finishing a traffic study for the intersection to see if a traffic signal is warranted. They noted some sight distance improvements have been made already.
 - b. Clerk Lascoe reported for the primary election that was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 the voter turn-out for Ray Township was 35.8%. 662 absentee ballots were issued and 580 were returned before the polls closed. Precinct one had 253 voters in person and precinct two had 305 voters on election day.

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Lascoe thanked the election inspectors and Deputy Clerk for another successful election and for working the polls.

Lascoe announced absentee ballot applications for the November 8, 2022 general election will be mailed out on September 8, 2022.

Lascoe informed the Board that the Planning Commission had a meeting on August 9th, 2022 regarding the master plan. In the meeting the Commission discussed looking at 29 Mile Road/Indian Trail (Ray Center) and 29 Mile Road/North Avenue (Five Points) to accommodate the smaller lots as in the Davis area mixed use in the current master plan.

Lascoe advised the Board the ballot language for the Police Protection Millage has been submitted for the general election ballot.

- c. Treasurer Bart reported tax bills went out on July 1, 2022 and payments are due September 14, 2022 and the office will be open until 5:00 p.m. for payments on September 14, 2022.

Bart stated the Recreation Committee held two movies in park and the next event will be Trunk or Treat on October 22, 2022.

- d. Trustee Grader reported some residents have contacted her regarding the 27 Mile/Romeo Plank intersection and there are still some shrubs that need to be trimmed.

Trustee Stier had nothing to report.

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

8. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

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

Supervisor Jarzyna read the department reports. Further stated if anyone would like a copy of a report to come into the Township and a copy would be provided.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to receive and file the July 2022 Department Reports.
MOTION carried.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Procter Cemetery

Lascoe reported she is still working with Insurance Adjuster on the fence for the Procter Cemetery. Further stated the claim is still being reviewed.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Bart to table Procter Cemetery insurance discussion until next meeting.
MOTION carried.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Macomb County Animal Ordinance

Jarzyna stated the Board received a copy of the County Animal Ordinance which was provided by Chief Animal Control Officer Randazzo. Further stated the ordinance is restrictive, more for a city or a village and not really for a rural township.

**MOTION by Bart supported by to Lascoe to receive and file the Macomb County Animal Ordinance.
MOTION carried.**

b. Network Support Contract Extension – SYO Computer Engineering Services, Inc.
Bart explained the contract is for an extension for the information technology network support, which is a \$25.00 monthly increase of the existing contract. Further stated SYO has been very good and are available for support.

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the 3-year Network Support Contract Extension payment increase to \$575.00 per month with SYO Computer Engineering Services, Inc.
MOTION carried.**

c. Purchase AED defibrillators
Chief Hoskin provided two quotes for the purchase of AED defibrillators. He explained the purchase would allow each officer to have an AED defibrillator in their vehicle and available if it is needed before the ambulance arrives on scene.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to allow Fire Chief Hoskin to purchase the AED defibrillators from Zoll Medical Corporation for \$29,000.00 with the trade-in allowance.
FOR THIS MOTION YES: Stier, Grader, Lascoe, Bart, Jarzyna
No: None**

MOTION carried.

d. Donation of old fire equipment to Balfour Lend a Hand Program
Chief Hoskin submitted a list of old fire equipment to donate to Balfour Lend a Hand program. He stated there are many departments in the Upper Peninsula that can use the old turn out gear and old equipment since they have none. Further requested to donate the old fire equipment.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve for the Fire Chief to donate the old fire equipment to Balfour Lend a Hand Program.
MOTION carried.**

e. Request to attend Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Free Education Day
Lascoe requested to attend the free education day with the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Further stated the class begins at 8:00 a.m. and she would leave the night before and return the day of the class.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Bart to approve for the Clerk to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Free Education Day at Soaring Eagle on September 1, 2022, including the hotel for August 31, 2022, mileage and lunch.
MOTION carried.**

f. Allocate FY 2023 SMART Municipal & Community Credits – Resolution 2022-10
Jarzyna stated the SMART municipal and community credits need to be allocated.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Grader to adopt Resolution No. 2022-10 -Resolution Authorizing the use of 2023 SMART Municipal and Community Credits, as follows:

**Resolution Authorizing the use of 2023 SMART
Municipal and Community Credits
Resolution No. 2022-10**

WHEREAS, the Township of Ray is eligible to receive public transportation funds through the Municipal and Community Credit programs; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Lenox EMS (RLEMS) operates a public Community Transit program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Ray wishes to purchase Community Transit services from the Richmond Lenox EMS; and

WHEREAS, SMART (the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transit) as the regional transportation authority is responsible for coordinating, reporting, and disbursing of funds for all local sub-recipient communities and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Ray and RLEMS have a long-standing collaborative relationship in providing paratransit services to residents in Lenox Township, and the surrounding communities;

WHEREAS, the Township of Ray and RLEMS wish to continue the existing arrangement; and allow for direct reimbursement to the RLEMS for operating expenses incurred while providing Community Transit services and;

RESOLVED, the Township of Ray Supervisor is authorized to execute Municipal and Community Credit agreement in which Municipal and Community Credit funds in the amount of \$3,534.00 in Municipal credits and \$2,792.00 in Community credits will be used to reimburse the RLEMS for Paratransit/Community Transit services.

FOR THIS RESOLUTION: AYES: Members: Lascoe, Grader, Stier, Bart, Jarzyna

NAYS: Members: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

g. Richmond Lenox EMS Ambulance Authority Contract

Jeff White, Richmond Lenox EMS spoke briefly about the contract and the services provided to the residents. He explained there is no charge to the Township for services. The contract allows Richmond/ Lenox EMS to charge the individuals private insurance company for services. In 2021 there were 108 responses to Ray Township with an average response time of 11:30 seconds to arrive. Further stated he had the opportunity to meet Chief Hoskin and told the Board they hired an amazing gentleman as the new Fire Chief.

MOTION by Grader supported by Bart to approve Richmond-Lenox EMS agreement and contract with the Township of Ray from 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023.

MOTION carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC
Clerk

Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary