

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 , 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  
Doug Stier, Trustee

Absent: Betty Grader, Trustee

Also Present: Chief Mark Hoskin  
Asst. Chief Tim Brooks  
Lieutenant Rob Kitchen  
Sergeant Justin Marberg  
Sergeant Kevin Dittenber  
Fire Marshal Harold DeMan Jr.  
Firefighter/Engineer Dan Jensenius  
Firefighter/EMT Simon Firth  
Firefighter Kaethe Economos  
Firefighter Erik Sogge  
Firefighter/EMT Simon Firth  
Firefighter/MFR David Hines  
EMT David Inwood  
EMT Shannon Lecluyse  
8 Residents

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 7:00 P.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Lascoe called roll; Jarzyna, Lascoe, Bart, and Stier were present. Grader was absent
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. **FIRE PREVENTION MONTH:**  
Chief Hoskin welcomed everyone in attendance for this great celebration. He stated since his tenure in May he has had the honor and joy in meeting all the nineteen firefighters and personnel who serve Ray Township. He stated the fire department personnel serve with their hearts, trust and loyalty so they are being recognized since they go above and beyond the call of duty to serve the community. Chief stated Ray Township is known as the gem of Macomb County and the firefighters are the gem. He stated when residents need them, they are available twenty-four/seven. He stated he is very honored and proud to stand with the men and women to serve the community.

Accolades: 45 years of service - Fire Marshall Harold "DOC" DeMan Jr.

Chief Hoskin recognized Fire Marshall Harold DeMan Jr. for 45 years of service on the fire department. The Chief stated he is honored to present Harold DeMan Jr. with his pin for forty-five years of service and thanked him for his dedication to the community.

Everyone in attendance applauded for Fire Marshall Harold DeMan Jr. for his 45 years of service.

Accolades: 40 years of service - Firefighter/Engineer Earl Schwark – unfortunately was not able to attend.

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Chief Hoskin recognized Firefighter/Engineer Earl Schwark for 40 years of service on the fire department. The Chief stated Earl Schwark is not in attendance and is on the east coast with his family. The Chief stated he is honored and thanked him for his forty years of service. Further stated he will receive his pin of forty years when he returns from vacation.

Everyone in attendance applauded for Firefighter/Engineer Earl Schwark for his 40 years of service.

Badge Pinning: Firefighter/MFR David Hines

Chief Hosking stated after five years of service as a Firefighter and Medical First Responder to come forward for his badge pinning.

Clerk Lascoe administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Medical First Responder David Hines. He signed the Oath of Office book for the Township of Ray.

Sergeant Kevin Dittenber pinned David Hines badge on.

Everyone in attendance applauded for Firefighter/Medical First Responder David Hines.

Badge Pinning: Firefighter/Paramedic/EMS Officer Steven Sherrard

Chief Hoskin stated Steven Sherrard was held up at work and was not able to attend the meeting. Further stated he will take his Oath of Office at the Township Hall.

Awards: Unit Citation for Run 211 – Difficult Extrication at 27 Mile/Romeo Plank

Chief Hoskin stated the Fire Department members were involved in a very difficult extrication at 27 Mile Road and Romeo Plank. He stated through their exhaustive work the last patient was removed from the wreckage and transported to a Trauma Center. He explained the entire crew's actions kept the patient alive and maintained a chance of surviving a very serious incident. Awards were presented to the following:

Chief Mark Hoskin  
Asst. Chief Tim Brooks  
Lieutenant Rob Kitchen  
Sergeant Justin Marberg  
Sergeant Kevin Dittenber  
Fire Marshal Harold DeMan Jr.  
Firefighter/Engineer Earl Schwark  
Firefighter/Engineer Dan Jensenius  
Firefighter/EMT Simon Firth  
Firefighter Kaethe Economos  
Firefighter Erik Sogge

Everyone applauded for the Fire Department members.

Awards: Unit Citation for Run 251 - Ray Community Airport

Chief Hoskin stated the Fire Department members were dispatched to a plane that went down at the Ray Community Airport on July 24, 2022. He explained while responding there were reports that the plane was on fire and the occupants still trapped inside. Engine-1 arrived and gained access to the wreckage through dense brush. The crews worked on search and rescue tactics until confirmation that all passengers had made it out of the plane. He stated Squad 1 crew began treatment until EMS arrived for transport. Due to the nature of the fire, the fire was finally extinguished, and the area was secured for the FAA agents. After information was passed on to crews, the search for the pilot's dog began. He explained several personnel assisted in the efforts for "Charlie" as well as the kind residents of Ray Township lending help to search for the dog. He stated Charlie was found in the early hours by a newspaper carrier and brought to the Fire Station where they arranged his happy return to his family. Awards were presented to the following members:

Chief Mark Hoskin  
Asst. Chief Tim Brooks

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Firefighter Kaethe Economos  
EMT David Inwood  
EMT Shannon Lecluyse  
Probationary Firefighter/EMT Maxwell Harcourt

Everyone applauded for the Fire Department members.

Life Saving Award – Timothy Nathan Brooks

Chief Hoskin announced while on vacation the weekend of Labor Day 2022, Assistant Chief, Timothy Nathan Brooks was dining at a northern Michigan restaurant with his fiancé and family when he noticed another diner across the room appear to be choking and turning blue. He stated Assistant Chief Brooks jumped into action and went to aid the patron, after several abdominal thrusts, he was able to dislodge a chunk of food from the persons airway and he began to breathe once again. He stated the training has been instilled in Assistant Chief Brooks and has given a person a new lease on life. He announced we are proud of our personnel's natural action to use their training no matter where it may be.

Chief Hoskin presented Assistant Chief, Tim Brooks with the Life Saving Award.

Everyone applauded for Assistant Chief, Tim Brooks.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.  
MOTION carried.**

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Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

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Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC  
Clerk  
Recording Secretary

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Date