

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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: 13 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  
Clerk Lascoe added an item to the agenda, for New Business item 11.g. Ray Township Public Library Room Request for Sunday, October 23, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve the agenda as amended.**  
**MOTION carried.**
3. CORRESPONDENCE  
A. Preserving Farmland in Macomb County – Macomb Agricultural PDR Committee brochure  
**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to receive and file the correspondence.**  
**MOTION carried.**
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items  
Supervisor Jarzyna asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the agenda items to come to the podium.  
Maryanne Deneweth from the offices of Kirk, Huth, Lange & Badalamenti, PLLC here representing Michael Miracle, we have submitted correspondence regarding the conditional rezoning that was before the Ray Township Planning commission on September 13, 2022. The planning commission should have received additional correspondence from Matthew and Amy Stone regarding this issue.  
Jarzyna stated the Township had not received any additional correspondence.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting August 16, 2022  
**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to approve the minutes from August 16, 2022 as submitted.**  
**MOTION carried.**
6. BUDGET MODIFICATION  
Treasurer Bart submitted a formal request to amend the budget – modification for the accounts listed below: Move from expenditure Account Number 206-342-959.000 Fire Fund – Training, Dept. 342 Community Training Center Expenses, in the amount of \$9,000.00 and put it in expenditures Account Number 206-339-977.001, Fire Fighting, Dept. 339 Equipment Purchases – Under \$5,000.00.  
**MOTION by Jarzyna supported by Lascoe to approve the budget modifications as submitted.**  
**MOTION carried.**
7. APPROVAL OF BILLS  
Treasurer Bart stated the bills list total is \$140,847.75. Further asked if any Board member had questions.  
**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to approve the bills list through September 20, 2022 for \$140,847.75 as submitted.**  
**MOTION carried.**

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8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported the spraying for the phragmites will begin September 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. The Macomb County Department of Roads has stated they will hold off mowing for about a week to allow the spray to work.
- b. Clerk Lascoe reported the absentee ballot applications for the November 8, 2022 general election were mailed out on September 8, 2022. She stated they have not received the absentee ballots yet but are preparing for the general election. Further stated the ballot will be two sided and will take voters some time to vote so they will set up voting booths to be seated due to the length of the ballot.

Lascoe informed the Board the Planning Commission had a meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and two of the items are on the Board agenda for consideration this evening. She stated a site plan was approved for an indoor/outdoor storage area at 58250 North Avenue, which is located on the east side of North Avenue between 26 and 27 Mile Roads in Section 36.

- c. Treasurer Bart reported 93.5 % of the Township taxes have been collected. She stated for the taxpayers that have not paid they can be paid until February 28, 2023 in the office with interest.

Bart announced the next Recreation event will be Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. participants must register for the event online on the Township website and the Townships Face Book page.

- d. Trustee Grader had nothing to report.

Trustee Stier stated he requested Clerk Lascoe to add two items to the October agenda. He reported he and Chief Hoskin attended a MTA Conference on Emerging Issues in Emergency Services where they saw two services that could be beneficial to the Township. The first is the CARES program which would provide mental health services to the Township employees and their families for \$2,000.00 per year. Further stated the HIPPA rules are strictly enforced.

Chief Hoskins reported the services are accessible locally and are offered 24 hours per day.

Stier stated the other program is ALICE (Alert, lockdown, counter and evacuate) it is a program offered by a local group that would evaluate the Township buildings and conduct a simulated active shooter situation. He explained the training would educate the employees on what to do.

Chief Hoskin stated the Fire Department would assist with the training.

Stier reported the old smoke detectors with 9-volt batteries are outdated and need to be replaced. He stated there are smoke detectors available on the market now that last for ten years and do not require batteries.

Chief Hoskin stated the Fire Department will be getting the smoke detectors and will install them in the seniors homes.

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

9. DEPARTMENT REQUEST/REPORTS

- a. Assessing Report- no report provided.
- b. Budget Report
- c. Building Department
- d. Fire Department Report
- e. Library Report
- f. Senior Report
- g. 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 Bart supported by Grader to receive and file the August 2022 Department Reports.  
MOTION carried.**

#### 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### a. Procter Cemetery

Lascoe reported the insurance carrier paid for replacement of the fence that was hit only. The Township has received a check in the amount of \$5,310.00. She explained the fence was depreciated for \$600.00. Further stated D-Fence will replace the damaged fence area only and the Township will owe the depreciated amount of \$600.00.

**MOTION by Jarzyna supported by Stier to pay the additional \$600.00 for the insurance settlement amount of \$5,310.00 for the replacement of the fence at the Procter Cemetery.  
MOTION carried.**

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Rezoning request: Agricultural-Residential (R-1) to Industrial (I-1) for Parcel ID #'s 21-05-07-200-002 and 21-05-07-400-006; located on the south side of 31 Mile Road, between Powell and Romeo Plank, Section 07. Midway Real Estate LLC, Applicant.

Lascoe stated at the September 13, 2022 Planning Commission meeting considered the rezoning requests. She explained the Planning Commission is recommending to rezone Parcel ID# 21-05-07-200-002 from Agricultural-Residential (R-1) to Industrial (I-1) since the parcel is consistent with the Master Plan.

Lascoe explained the Planning Commission recommended denying the request to rezone Parcel ID# 21-05-07-400-006 from Agricultural-Residential (R-1) to Industrial (I-1) since the parcel is Master Planned for Agricultural-Residential since the Master Plan depicts the parcel for Agricultural-Residential (R-1).

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to Approve the request to Rezone Parcel ID# 21-05-07-200-002 from Agricultural-Residential (R-1) to Industrial (I-1) since the parcel is consistent with the Master Plan for Industrial.**

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

**MOTION carried.**

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to Deny the request to Rezone Parcel ID# 21-05-07-400-006 from Agricultural-Residential (R-1) to Industrial (I-1) since the parcel is not consistent with the Master Plan.**

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

**MOTION carried.**

b. Conditional Rezoning from Agricultural Residential (R-1) to Industrial (I-1) for the purpose of indoor & outdoor storage, for Parcel ID # 21-05-36-100-024; located on the east side of North Avenue, between 26 and 27 Mile Roads, Section 36. Brian LaForest, Applicant.

Lascoe stated at the September 13, 2022 Planning Commission meeting considered the Conditional Rezoning for Parcel ID# 21-05-36-100-024 and recommended approval to the Township Board subject to the following:

1. Compliance with all applicable engineering, building, public works, fire, MDOT and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy requirements.
2. All legal documents relating to the conditional rezoning, being reviewed and approved by the Township Attorney, with the costs paid by the applicant.

Lascoe stated a correspondence was received from the abutting property owners attorney today at 4:00 p.m. and a copy has been provided for each Board member. Further recommended the item be tabled until the Township Attorney reviews the correspondence.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to Table the Conditional Rezoning until the Township Attorney reviews the correspondence received from the office of Kirk, Huth, Lange and Badalamenti, PLLC.  
MOTION carried.**

c. Letter of Retirement – Janeanne Schwark

Supervisor Jarzyna stated Janeanne Schwark submitted her letter of resignation as of Thursday, August 18, 2022. He expressed his gratitude for her staying on in the position until a replacement was found and for training and her dedication to the community.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to Accept Janeanne Schwark letter of resignation with deep regret.**

**MOTION carried.**

d. Fire Department Fuel Tank Removal Report

Chief Hoskin submitted the Innovative Environmental Solutions, Inc. report for the above-ground tank removal, for the site assessment report indicating that the soil boring site assessment activities revealed no evidence of soil staining, soil odors or PID unit readings in any of the soil samples collected. Further stated the final invoice for the removal was \$3,000.00 less than the original quote.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to receive and file the Fire Department fuel tank removal report from Innovative Environmental Solutions, Inc. as submitted.**

**MOTION carried.**

e. Reappointment to the Recreation Committee – Michael Viaene

Supervisor Jarzyna recommended the reappointment of Michael Viaene to the Recreation Committee for two years with the term to expire October 4, 2024.

**MOTION by Bart supported by Lascoe to reappoint Michael Viaene to the Recreation Committee for two years to October 4, 2024.**

**MOTION carried.**

e. Request to have 57595 Indian Trail property surveyed

Jarzyna requested to have the Township property on Indian Trail surveyed.

**MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to have the Township property at 57595 Indian Trail surveyed.  
MOTION carried.**

g. Room Request – Ray Township Public Library – *Added to the agenda*

**MOTION by Bart supported by Lascoe to approve Ray Township Public Library request to use the Senior Center room on October 23, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in case of bad weather.**

**MOTION carried.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

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Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

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Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC  
Clerk

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Date