

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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: 12 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; Stier, Grader, Bart, Lascoe and Jarzyna were present.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Lascoe added item 11. J. American Tower Site No. 305406
MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to approve the agenda as amended.
MOTION carried.
3. CORRESPONDENCE
10-24-22 Mary Barnes Re: Eagle Scout Project
MOTION by Bart supported by Grader 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.
Marianne Denewith, 19500 Hall Rd, with resident Michael Miracle regarding item 11a, First Amendment to consent judgment. She stated she would like the board to note that consent judgments are flexible and would ask the board to request additional screening on the project.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 18, 2022
MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bart to approve the minutes from October 18, 2022, as corrected.
MOTION carried.
6. BUDGET MODIFICATION
Treasurer Bart submitted a formal request to amend the budget, the modifications for the accounts listed below:
Move from expenditure Account Number 101-410-702.0002 General Operating Fund, Zoning Board Appeals, Dept. 410 Wages, in the amount of \$1,050.00 (one thousand fifty dollars) and put it in expenditure Account Number 101-400-818.002, General Operating Fund, Planning Commission, Dept. 400 Planning Fees-Applicant.
MOTION by Grader supported by Stier to approve the 11-15-2022 budget modifications as presented by Treasurer Bart.
MOTION carried.
7. APPROVAL OF BILLS
Treasurer Bart stated the bills list total is \$79,594.86 and asked if any Board member had questions.
MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve the partial bills list through November 3, 2022, for \$79,594.86 and any outstanding bills through 11-15-2022 not included in bills list due to accountant's vacation.
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8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Jarzyna reported the Gypsy Moth spray program has reported that 890 acres were sprayed in Macomb County in 2022 which is down 50% from 2021. The goal of the program is to keep defoliation of the trees affected at or below 40%. Ray Township had 76 acres sprayed and the defoliation was under 5% in those areas. The 2022 spray program has been very successful.

b. Clerk Lascoe

Lascoe reported Ray Townships voter turnout for the General Election on November 8, 2022 was 70.7%. She stated 920 absentee ballots were issued and 897 were returned before the polls closed. Precinct 1 had 571 voters in the precinct and precinct 2 had 826 voters so 1,397 voters came into the polls on election day. Ray Township has 3,245 registered voters and 2,294 voters voted in the general election. Precinct 1 has three ballot styles with Utica and Romeo Schools and the Village of Romeo – 571 voters on election day. Precinct 2 has two ballot styles with Armada and Romeo Schools – 826 voters on election day.

Lascoe thanked the election inspectors for working the polls on election day, she stated it was a very long day. Further thanked Deputy Clerk, Monica Vandeberghe for all hours working the election.

Lascoe stated all of the unofficial election results are available at <https://clerk.macombgov.org/clerk-elections>
Further stated for the Police Protection Millage was:

1108 NO 971 YES

And

The results to Increase the Number of Board Members Proposal

1356 NO 736 YES

Lascoe informed the Board that the Planning Commission had a meeting on November 1st, 2022 and approved a Special Land Use to allow indoor storage buildings in the B-2 (General Business) district, which is located on the west side of North Avenue, between 29 & 30 Mile Roads; Section 14 for VanOverbeke Storage.

- c. Treasurer Bart noted the new railings and fence by the library has been completed by D-Fence. Winter tax bills will be mailed on December 1st. The office will be late open on December 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for year-end tax payments. The Ray Township Tree Lighting will be on Wednesday December 7th at 7 pm.
- d. Trustee Grader asked what time Clerk Lascoe finished the election on November 8th.

Lascoe stated she left the Township about 10:45 pm and was home from the County just after midnight.

Trustee Stier the ALICE training is scheduled for January 18, 2023, at 12 noon.

MOTION by Bart 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-no report provided.
f. Recreation Report-no report provided.
g. Senior Report
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 Stier supported by Bart to receive and file the October 2022 Department Reports.

MOTION carried.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. EMS Coordinator/Instructor job description

Chief Hoskin stated this is a formal job description, no changes have been done internally in the department.

Stier asked if there are still a certain number of hours that must be completed by the person holding this position.

Chief Hoskin noted the hours are really a goal, not a requirement since they are paid on call department.

Grader asked if this is a new position?

Chief Hoskin noted it is not a new position, it is giving the position a formal description.

Grader questioned the stipend.

Lascoe stated the stipend is suggested as the Sergeant which is \$1,243.46 in the employee manual.

MOTION by Jarzyna supported by Lascoe to approve the EMS Coordinator/Instructor job description as submitted.

MOTION carried.

b. Street Number Ordinance 58-1

Chief Hoskin stated this is pre-planning for residential incident/accident plan. If a residence has a driveway that is 800 feet and longer, we would like to mark those out, so we know we are sending the proper trucks.

Stier asked when this would start and would anyone be going door to door.

Jarzyna stated this will start in the building department when someone builds a new home. The information will be included in the newsletter, and we will not be going door to door. For existing homes this will be up to the residents and for their benefit and safety.

Stier asked if the post will be a spike with a 4X4 over it?

Jarzyna stated it will be up to the building department to determine what is acceptable.

MOTION by Bart supported by Lascoe to approve adoption of Township of Ray, Macomb County, Michigan, Ordinance No 58-1, Ray Township Street Number Ordinance.

MOTION carried.

Lascoe reported Christine Anderson, Township Attorney prepared the Street Number Ordinance amendment.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. First Amendment of Consent Judgment; Case No. 2019-000961-CZ

Jarzyna stated the Board received the first amendment to the Consent Judgment formally known as the Stadler property.

MOTION by Grader supported by Jarzyna to approve the First Amendment of Consent Judgment; Case No, 2019-00961-CZ and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the consent judgment on behalf of Ray Township.

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

No: None

MOTION carried.

b. Confirmation of 10-20-22 Phone poll for Public Works to Clean out of the Gass Drain
Jarzyna reported he conducted a phone poll on October 20, 20th, 2022 for a drain maintenance match program for the Gass Drain.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Stier to confirm the Supervisors phone poll of 10-20-22 for Public Works to Clean out of the Gass Drain.

MOTION carried.

c. 2023 Meeting Schedule

Lascoe stated the Board received a corrected meeting schedule for 2023 with the March meeting corrected.

MOTION by Stier ported by Bart to approve the 2023 Corrected Meeting Schedule.

MOTION carried.

d. 2023 Legal Holidays

Lascoe stated the Board received the proposed 2023 legal holiday schedule.

MOTION by Jarzyna supported by Bart to approve the 2023 Legal Holidays schedule.

MOTION carried.

e. Reappointment to the Recreation Committee

Jarzyna recommended the reappointment of Keeley Weber to the Recreation Committee for a two-year term. Further stated her term will expire on 11-19-2022.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bart to reappoint Keeley Weber to the Recreation Committee for two years with her term expiring on 11-19-2024.

MOTION carried.

f. Reappointment to the Board of Review

Jarzyna recommended the reappointment of Betty Youngblood, Frank Wasung and Eric Crump to the Board of Review for two years. He stated their terms expire on 1-1-2023.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bart to reappoint Betty Youngblood, Frank Wasung and Eric Crump to the Board of Review for two years with the term expiring on 1-1-2025.

MOTION carried.

g. Request to attend Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Winter Workshop

Treasurer Bart requested to attend the Treasurers Winter Workshop on January 19-20, 2023, in Lansing. Further stated the conference is \$199.00 for Thursday and Friday plus lodging.

MOTION by Stier supported by Lascoe to approve for the Treasurer to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Winter Workshop.

MOTION carried.

h. Resolution for Delinquent Special Assessment District for Apple Lane – Resolution 2022-12

Bart explained a Resolution for the delinquent taxes for the Special Assessment District for Apple Lane is required to be added on the property tax bill.

MOTION Lascoe and supported by Stier to approve the Resolution for Delinquent Special Assessment District for Apple Lane – Resolution 2022-12 as follows:

**Resolution for Delinquent Special Assessment District
for Apple Lane
Resolution Number 2022-12**

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Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board, of the Township of Ray, County of Macomb, State of Michigan, held in the Township municipal offices in said Township on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jarzyna, Lascoe, Bart, Grader and Stier

ABSENT: None

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

WHEREAS, The Treasurer of the Township of Ray, Macomb County, Michigan is requesting the collection of delinquent roads real property assessments.

WHEREAS the unpaid Apple Lane Special Assessment District is to be transferred to the 2022 Winter Tax Roll for \$885.86.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Ray Board of Trustees, Macomb County, Michigan that: authorizes the Township Assessor to spread the above delinquent Apple Lane Special Assessment on the 2022 Winter Tax

FOR THIS RESOLUTION: Yes: Lascoe, Stier, Bart, Grader, Jarzyna

No: None

Absent: None

The Clerk declared the Resolution Adopted.

i. Request to purchase five gas monitors for the Fire Department

Chief Hoskin requested to purchase two MSA Altair 5X gas monitors. The monitors will replace older units that do not monitor for a newer found gas that has been a key chemical in firefighter cancer cases. The total cost is offset by the donation from Blue Water gas that the department received earlier in the year. Chief Hoskin recommended the purchase from Apollo Fire Equipment in Romeo for the sum of \$12,371.00 plus shipping. Further stated they would be delivered mid to late December.

MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve the purchase of two MSA Altair 5X gas monitors from Apollo Fire Equipment for \$12,371.00 plus shipping.

MOTION carried.

j. American Tower – *Added to the Agenda*

Lascoe stated the Board received the correspondence from American Tower.

MOTION by Lascoe supported by Bart to receive and file the correspondence from American Tower.

MOTION carried

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Miracle asked if he could see the drawings of the proposed site amendments for the consent judgment?

Jarzyna stated not until the consent judgment is filed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC
Clerk

Date

Lisa Hall, Recording Secretary