

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 3:00 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: Robert J. Bendzinski, CIPMA, Bendzinski & Company
Stephen Hayduk, CPA, Bendzinski & Company
Louis Urban, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick
Fire Chief Hoskin

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 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Lascoe called roll; Jarzyna, Lascoe, Bart, Grader and Stier were present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lascoe corrected the agenda that adjournment should be number 7, typographical error.

**MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to approve agenda as amended.
MOTION carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. PRESENTATION:

Robert Bendzinski of Bendzinski & Company - Information for municipal bonding process for financing of the Fire Station project.

Robert Bendzinski introduced himself and Stephen Hayduk from Bendzinski, he stated they were asked to attend the meeting by the Treasurer to explain the process for funding a fire hall. He explained the Township has two methods to finance for a fire station. The first method is the issuance of general obligation unlimited tax bonds, bonds that you would have to put out for a vote at the general election. The ballot would have to be approved by the majority of the voters and the ballot language would contain the maximum amount of the bonds that are to be issued and the number of years. He stated the second option is the general obligation limited tax bond that would be published a notice in a general circulated newspaper in the area, describing the fire station project, the amount of the bond and a maximum amount of the bonds. The residents would have 45 days after publishing to submit a petition to the Township Clerk against the bonds which requires ten percent of the population of the voters requesting a vote for the bonds. He stated if a petition was not submitted then the Township would have the ability to issue bonds without a vote.

Discussion was held on cost and interest rates.

No action taken was taken.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Fire Department driveway update

Supervisor Jarzyna stated as the Board is aware the Fire Station approach and driveway construction is underway, and Lou Urban is in attendance to bring the Board up to date on the project.

Louis Urban of Anderson Eckstein and Westrick explained during the permit phase the Macomb County Department of Roads has prompted revisions to the construction drawings. He explained they have required that the concrete approach be extended to the future proposed 60 foot right of way line, which has increased the amount of 8" concrete and 6" aggregate base and reduced the amount of 16' 21AA stone accordingly. He stated they have also required that the storm sewer be reconfigured and revised from PVC to concrete pipe. He explained with the recent weather conditions of rain that the site is saturated. To adjust the grade and bridge the wet conditions near the Sunoco Pipeline, 1'x3" diameter stone is proposed to be placed as the water will not affect the cohesiveness of the larger stone and allow the 2AA material to be placed on top of the proposed grade. He explained the proposed spreadsheet and the anticipated additional costs. Further stated he is working with Dalco on the additional costs.

Grader stated Ray Township has to watch every dollar that is spent. Further stated she drove by the site, and it is wet.

MOTION by Stier supported by Bart to receive and file the progress report for the Fire Department driveway.

MOTION carried.

b. Senior Director position

Jarzyna stated he and Bart interviewed for the Senior Director position and one he was not able to interview.

Bart stated there were six applications for the Senior Director position and four candidates were interviewed. Further recommended offering the position to Wendy Stachowicz.

MOTION by Jarzyna supported by Lascoe for himself, the Supervisor to contact Wendy Stachowicz with a letter of employment for the Senior Director position.

MOTION carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stier supported by Grader to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC, CMC
Clerk
Recording Secretary

Date