

**May 12, 2021 – REGULAR MEETING
ROSE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Wednesday, May 12, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual – gotomeeting.com
Gotomeeting.com administrator: Supervisor Scheib-Snider

PRESENT: Paul Gambka, Treasurer: Highland, MI Patricia Walls, Trustee: Rose Twp., MI
Debbie Miller, Clerk: Rose Twp., MI Dianne Scheib-Snider, Supervisor: Rose Twp., MI
Glen Noble, Trustee: Rose Twp., MI

OTHER (S) PRESENT: Renee Kraft, Recording Secretary

OTHERS:	Owner-Chester Koop	Stouffers	John Henry
	Peter Stouffer	M Weil	not Debbie’s Mark
	Ld-Linda Dagenhardt	Steve Ghostley	Tim
	Mama Plawecki	Frank Hekker	Nancy Hekker
	Jeremy Lintz	Kerry	Matt Vetter
	Gisela Lendle-King	MJ	[Waiting for name 20000004]
	Me	..	Caller 02
	Caller 03	Caller 04	Caller 05
	Caller 06	Caller 07	Caller 08

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Approval of Agenda:

A. Approve the Regular Agenda: Motion by Trustee Noble to approve the agenda. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

VOTE: YES: Miller, Noble, Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snider
NO: None

2. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Trustee Walls would like to make changes to the January 13, 2021 minutes. Quoted by Trustee Walls, “Page three (3), corrections to the January 13, 2021 minutes go into what Clerk Millers says but it says Trustee Walls was not happy with the way the minutes were corrected and I stated three things that I was not happy with and I think those things need to be in there that were clearly stated at the last meeting. On page three there were words that has to be added and that were not added. On page four there was additional language added as the minutes were approved and number three was the omission of Mr. Noble’s comments on page four.”

REPEATED: “Words not added on page three that I asked to be added; additional language added on page four after the draft minutes were approved and omission of Mr. Nobles comments on page four.”

Motion by Trustee Noble to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with changes to the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

VOTE: **YES:** Noble, Walls, Gambka, Miller, Scheib-Snider
 NO: None

3. Presentation:

None

4. Brief Public Comments – Agenda items only: (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Chester Koop (Owner): Comments about item 6A on January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Observation on \$25 per hour and understands it to be wrong. States that once the minutes have been approved, no one should be adding any language. The Board should look at the process.

5. Public Hearing:

None

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Corrections of Approved RTB Meeting January 13, 2021 Minutes

Trustee Walls stated she had not heard from the attorney yet so it will carry over until next month. Miller stated that she and Dianne Scheib-Snider had already heard from the attorney today. Walls stated “I was supposed to be the contact person.”

7. New Business:

A. Rose Township Historic Town House Request for Proposals for Architectural Services:

The County architect, Ron Campbell and Trustee Noble looked it over before it went into the agenda packet.

Motion by Trustee Noble to authorize the Supervisor to proceed with the request for proposal for architectural services. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

VOTE: **YES:** Walls, Gambka, Miller, Noble, Scheib-Snider
 NO: None

B. Resolution for the Policy Granting of Poverty Exemptions by the Board of Review:

Changes made by the State. Oakland County worked on language and that is what is presented in the packet. Trustee Gambka discussed the veteran’s exemption changed by the State. They now have to apply every year to maintain that exemption.

Motion by Trustee Walls to adopt the policy relative to the review and granting of poverty exemptions by the Rose Township Board of Review. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

Township of Rose Resolution 2021-08

Adopted Policy Relative to The Review and Granting of Poverty Exemptions by the Rose Board of Review

WHEREAS, Public Act 253 of 2020, which amended Section 7u of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, as amended by Act No. 313 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws, requires that the governing body of the local assessing unit determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines used by the Board of Review in granting reductions in property assessments due to limited income and assets, referred to as “Poverty Exemptions.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to be eligible for poverty exemption in the Township of Rose, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
2. The subject property must be classified as an “improved single family residential” or “residential condominium” property with a valid Homeowner’s Principal Residence Exemption currently in effect.
3. Submit a completed Poverty Exemption Application Form 5737, which can be obtained from the township office or Oakland County Equalization.
4. Submit the most recent year’s copies of the following for all persons residing in the homestead:
 - a. Federal Income Tax Return-1040, 1040A or 1040E
 - b. Michigan Income Tax Return-MI1040, MI1040A or MI1040EZ.
 - c. Senior Citizens Homestead Property Tax Form MI-1040CR-1 or General Homestead Property Tax Claim MI-1040CR-4.
 - d. Statement from Social Security Administration and/or Michigan Social Services as to moneys paid to you during previous year (including a signed Form 4988).
 - e. Produce a valid driver’s license or Michigan State Identification card for all persons residing in the household.
 - f. Produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property if the board requests it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant's total household income cannot exceed the most current income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) “Very Low” Income Guidelines, to be updated annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total value of the assets of the applicant and each member of the applicant’s household shall not exceed \$40,000. Excluding the property for which the exemption is requested and the principal vehicle BUT including all other property; including from all other persons residing in the household. Property shall include, but is not limited to: cash, savings, stocks, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, insurance commodities, coin collections, boats, jewelry, art, motor vehicles, recreation vehicles, second homes, cottages or any other saleable real property or other tangible items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hardship exemption shall not be granted to an applicant with cash on deposit in excess of the proposed tax obligation for the ensuing year unless the applicant can show evidence that the cash is subject to a legitimate cost of living expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for applicants meeting the income level and asset test guidelines, the Board may approve a full exemption if deemed appropriate. Those applicants granted a full exemption will be required to pay a property tax based on a one hundred percent (100%) reduction in taxable value for the tax year in which the exemption is granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hardship exemption shall not be granted to an applicant whose investments will produce an income, which when added to the applicant's household income exceeds the federal poverty guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED A hardship exemption shall not be granted to any applicant who owns real property whether singly or jointly, regardless of location, other than his or her homestead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any reduction in the State Equalized Value of a property is granted for one year only and must be applied for and reviewed annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the policy and guidelines set forth above when granting and denying poverty exemptions. The same standards shall apply to each taxpayer within the Township claiming the poverty exemption for the assessment year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the filing of this application constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a person filing a poverty exemption claim is not prohibited from also appealing the assessment on the property for which that claim is made before the March Board of Review in the same year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the Board of Review, and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the Board of Review, the Township of Rose hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL 211.30(8) of the General Property Tax Act, that the Board of Review shall receive letters of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests. All notices of assessment change and all advertisements of Board of Review meetings are to include a statement that the resident taxpayers may protest by letter to the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to conform with the provisions, PA 253 of 2020, this resolution is hereby given immediate effect and will stay in effect for subsequent years until amended or voided.

VOTE: YES: Gambka, Miller, Noble, Walls, Scheib-Snider
NO: None

C. 2021 Lake Braemar Fireworks Show Application:

There is a letter from Assistant Chief Weil suggesting we approve the application. Supervisor Scheib-Snider states COVID restrictions might apply again this year, if there are outdoor restrictions.

Motion by Treasurer Gambka to approve the 2021 Lake Braemar Fireworks Show Application. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

VOTE: YES: Miller, Noble, Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snider
NO: None

D. North Oakland Fire Authority Budget (NOCFA), FY 2022:

There is a spreadsheet in the agenda packet that explains the proposed increases of \$102,000 per Township.

Motion by Clerk Miller to approve the NOCFA proposed increase for fiscal year 2022 budget with an increase of \$102,000 per Township with a total contribution for Rose Township at \$920,000 and Holly Township at \$920,000. No second.

Motion by Trustee Noble that the budget for NOCFA fiscal year 2022 be held to the Rose Township contributions the same as fiscal year 2021, thus budget amount be \$818,000. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

VOTE: **YES:** Walls, Gambka, Noble, Scheib-Snyder
 NO: Miller

8. Announcements- Due to COVID-19 restrictions meetings may be held virtually:

A. Planning Commission Meeting: June 3, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: June 1, 2021@ 7:00 p.m.

C. N.O.C.F.A. Board Meeting: May 18, 2021 @ 3:00pm

D. Assessing Office: M-F, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 248-858-2179, doyler@oakgov.com

E. Township Board Regular Meeting: June 9, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

F. Rose Township Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8:00am – 4:00pm at Civic Park.

G. NoHaz Event: Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 8:00am – 2:00pm at Oakland County Services Center Campus, register 3 weeks before the event at www.nohaz.com.

9. Miscellaneous Reports:

A. N.O.C.F.A.: Treasurer Gambka reported discussions at last meeting in regards to the budget and miscellaneous items.

B. Planning Commission: Trustee Noble stated there is nothing on the schedule.

C. HAYA: Trustee Walls stated there was one new referral in April which makes a total of 96 year to date. HAYA has ten (10) nominations for outstanding young persons. They made several posts regarding childhood abuse prevention. HAYA volunteers and members donated \$300 to the little league and purchased a banner with the HAYA logo on it. They hope to participate in the Memorial Day Parade and have their popcorn stand at the weekly car cruises at downtown Holly.

D. Cemetery Committee: Clerk Miller stated next meeting is next week. Jim is working on fencing and received his permit from the County today for Brookins Cemetery.

E. Zoning Board of Appeals: Treasurer Gambka stated the Zoning Board did not meet.

F. Parks and Recreation: Supervisor Scheib-Snyder stated she is working with the playground but ground services is holding her up. Bid-packet considered so it can be done locally.

G. Heritage Committee: Supervisor Scheib-Snider states they are still working on the educational and historic videos. Excited to have Carol Bacak-Egbo, Oakland County Parks Historian, on the committee.

H. Supervisor Report: Supervisor Scheib-Snider discussed the haul route for the Consumers Energy pipeline, which will be repaired with funds from Consumer Energy. Recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) was added on Munger to raise the road. Tri-party bids came in at \$19.10 per pound, so we should be able to gravel all roads on the foreman's list. We will get approximately 2.5 more miles than expected.

10. Brief Public Comments: (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Chester Koop (Owner): Astonished at the vote on NOCFA and appreciates Clerk Miller's motion and vote. Astonished at the lack of discussion and knowledge of what is involved in the budget. He was on the fire authority for ten (10) years and knows they are one of the most fiscally responsible departments in Oakland County. States we need to show support and resolve this or we will be back where we were in 2000, which means no ambulance, on-call fire department and ISO rating back to ten (10).

Tim Seal: NOCFA employee and Rose Township resident. He was disheartened by the vote in regards to the increase in the budget. Wished any concerns about the increase would have been discussed at the NOCFA meeting so they could have reorganized the budget to bring to the Rose Township Board. He is confused why they would vote unanimously to bring it to Rose Township then vote it down. They should have discussed it at the NOCFA Board. Besides Rose and Holly Township, the next cheapest independent township is \$1.4 million. The cost for Rose Township would have been in the \$900,000 range.

Linda Dagenhardt: Thanks Mr. Koop and Mr. Seal for speaking up regarding NOCFA. Feels the Board members are not doing their job due to tension going on.

Gisela Lendle-King: Concerned about pipeline repairs- the Road Commission should be more cognoscente of the natural resources and how they are being impacted. The Road Commission was preparing for the pipeline work to be done, but no effort to protect the resources that were impacted. She hopes the Board can develop a plan to consider these resources.

Steve Ghostley: He is disappointed in the Boards decision on the budget for NOCFA. He says they do a very good job. They should be taken care of by the people they represent. He thanks Clerk Miller for voting yes on the proposed new budget.

11. Adjournment: 7:50pm



Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Approved/Corrected