# MARCH 09, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 09, 2022

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 9080 Mason St, Holly, MI 48442

**PRESENT:** Paul Gambka, Treasurer Patricia Walls, Trustee

Debbie Miller, Clerk Dianne Scheib-Snider, Supervisor

Glen Noble, Trustee

**OTHER (S) PRESENT**: Renee Kraft, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS:** Karin Winchester, Marilee Carstens, Julius Stern, Chris Kettle, James and Lynn Kurin, James and Nicole England, Don Gardner, Scott Blaska, Paul Englehart, Mark Bolan, Dana Snowden, Tom Wirth, W. Maday, Scott Woodcox, Sarah Murphy, Melissa Borden, Dan Johnson, Luke Murchie, Rick Peterson, Don Shaw, Matt Weil, Joe Durocher, William Dunbar, Gisela Lendle King, Nathan Miller, Jeremy Lintz, Nick Kennedy, Debra Kennedy, P.J. Kravetz

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

# 1. Approval of Agenda:

Adding **F.** Rose Township Board of Review alternate member; **G.** attorney bills; removing presentation by Joseph Mishler; adding presentation from the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA).

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Clerk Miller.

VOTE: YES: Miller, Noble, Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# 2. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Trustee Noble to approve the Consent Agenda, pulling the NOCFA Report for further analysis and attorney bills. Seconded by Supervisor Scheib-Snider.

**VOTE:** YES: Noble, Walls, Gambka, Miller, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# 3. Presentation:

P.J. Kravetz – Vice President of the North Oakland County Firefighters Association (NOCFA/FFA): Explained what NOCFA is and what they do. They see issues with the actions of the fire board and are concerned if there will be a continuation of the Fire Board Authority. The association decided to share with the public the issue within the fire board as well as a plan to remedy it. The sole objective of the association is the continuation of the fire authority through the two townships, returning to a working relationship. Mr. Kravetz read his letter regarding a vote of no-confidence, discussing concerns of public safety and mismanagement to the public, while still promoting uninterrupted service. By unanimous vote of the firefighters who belong to North Oakland Fire

Authority (NOCFA), they believe that this no-confidence resolution is the best option available. They believe the Chairperson/Citizen at Large, should resign.

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

Julius Stern: Suggested the Rose Township Board needs to be more transparent. Discussed North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Citizen at large and suggested he be removed from the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) board tonight.

**Dana Snowden:** Back broken and North Oakland Fire Authority (NOCFA) was there within 5 minutes. If board members don't vote with North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), he will go door to door to inform the citizens who voted against them.

**Rick Peterson:** - Former North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) employee. He's never heard anyone on the board stating they want to get rid of North Oakland Fire Authority (NOCFA). Wants all citizens to be civil. Suggests getting rid of the hall.

**Dan Johnson:** Had to call North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) twice. Does not want NOCFA to go away. He has been watching North Oakland Fire Authority (NOCFA) and Rose Township Board Meeting and has seen board members who are promoting their own private agenda and not what is best for the residents. The board needs to work together or go. Closed door sessions need to stop.

**Merilee Carstens:** Never heard the board say they didn't appreciate North Oakland Fire Authority (NOCFA). We need to pay firefighters more. Had to call North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) and they were there within minutes. Citizen input is lacking.

**Luke Murchie**: Holly Township Board is considering leaving the fire authority. He trusts all the NOCFA firefighters with his life. North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) has been to his house twice for his daughter and both times within 10 minutes. He will pay anything for that.

# 5. Public Hearing:

None

#### 6. Unfinished Business:

None

# 7. New Business:

# A. Cemetery Lawn Maintenance:

Approval of RFP for Cemetery Lawn Maintenance for 2022.

Motion by Trustee Noble to authorize the clerk to receive bids for the Cemetery Lawn Maintenance documents. Seconded by Clerk Miller.

VOTE: YES: Walls, Gambka, Miller, Noble, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# B. Parks, Hall and Office Lawn Maintenance:

Approval of RFP for Parks, Hall and Office Lawn Maintenance.

Motion by Trustee Noble to authorize the clerk to accept bids for the parks, hall and office lawn maintenance and contract for this year. Seconded by Clerk Miller.

**VOTE: YES:** Gambka, Miller, Noble, Walls, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# C. Clean-up Day Date Approval – Saturday, May 14, 2022 8am-4pm:

Approval of date for Clean-up day. We give \$500 to North Oakland County Fire Authority/Fire Fighters Association (NOCFA/FFA) for their services.

Motion by Clerk Miller to approve the clean-up day for May 14 from 8:00am-4:00pm. Seconded by Trustee Noble.

VOTE: YES: Miller, Noble, Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# D. Code of Ordinance Chapter 12, Environment (Oak Wilt) Amendment:

Approval of Oak Wilt Ordinance amendment.

Motion by Trustee Noble for Township to approve the Oak Wilt ordinance, Section 12-333, to amend the Township ordinance Chapter 12, additionally the ordinance Section 12-333 should be published on the Township Website and the next Township mail letter to citizens. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

# ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022-02 RESOLUTION TO AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 12 ENVIRONMENT (OAK WILT)

**WHEREAS**, the Rose Township Planning Commission has prepared an amended ordinance to the Township Code of Ordinance Chapter 12 Environment (Oak Wilt); and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Township Planning Commission has caused a notice of public hearing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the township; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 to receive comments from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rose Township Planning Commission on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 recommended approval of the amended Code of Ordinances in regards to Chapter 12 Environment (Oak Wilt); and

**WHEREAS**, the Rose Township Board has determined that the amended Code of Ordinance in regard to Chapter 12 Environment (Oak Wilt) has addressed the concerns and issues that the Rose Township Board expressed and;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rose Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Rose Township amended Code of Ordinance in regards to Chapter 12 Environment (Oak Wilt) as presented at the regular Township Board meeting of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

VOTE: YES: Noble, Walls, Gambka, Miller, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# E. RCOC 2022 Dust Control Program:

Decided on 4 applications, with a possible 5<sup>th</sup> if necessary.

Motion by Trustee Noble to authorize the Supervisor to sign agreement with Road Commission, Oakland County, to apply chloride for dust control on 53.62 miles of local and sub-local gravel road ways. Four (4) applications in the amount of \$82, 551.38. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

**VOTE: YES:** Walls, Gambka, Miller, Noble, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# F. Resolution to appoint an alternate member to Board of Review:

Board of Review is adding another alternate member, Dior Rushton.

Motion by Trustee Walls to approve the appointment of Dior Rushton as an alternate to the Board of Review to serve a two (2) year term ending in December, 2023. Seconded by Clerk Miller.

# ROSE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2022-01 TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO BOARD OF REVIEW

**WHEREAS**, at times an appointment to the Rose Township Board of Review for business or personal reasons cannot attend meetings as scheduled.

WHEREAS, in order to have a quorum an alternate member may be called to fill an absent Board of Review members' seat

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Dior Rushton as an Alternate to the Board of Review to serve a two (2) year term ending in December 2023.

VOTE: YES: Gambka, Miller, Noble, Walls, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: None

# G. Attorney Bills:

Trustee Noble questioned the legal bill from attorney Mulvihill being on the internet. Clerk Miller explained she received a FOIA and fulfilled it. He has requested a copy of the FOIA at the next board meeting. Clerk Miller questioned attorney fees from Law Firm Finkel, Whitefield, Feldman and what is this law firm for? Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated they can spend up to \$30,000 on legal fees for Fire Union negotiations.

#### 8. Announcements:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting: April 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. N.O.C.F.A. Board Meeting: March 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. NOCFA Station #1
- **D.** Assessing Office: M-F, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 248-858-2179, <a href="mailto:doyler@oakgov.com">doyler@oakgov.com</a>
- E. Township Board Regular Meeting: April 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- F. Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 14, 2022, 8:00am 4:00pm
- **G. Election:** May 3, 2022
- **H. NoHaz Event:** Saturday, April 30, 2022, 8:00am 2:00pm. 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Visit <a href="https://www.nohaz.com">www.nohaz.com</a> for more information.
- I. Holly Township Library Meet & Greet: March 22, 2022 from 4:30pm 6:30pm at Rose Township Offices.

**K. Board of Review:** Will meet at the Rose Township offices:

March 10, 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm

March 14, 1:00pm – 4:00pm and 6:00pm – 9:00pm

March 16, 9:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm

To schedule an appointment in advance, call (248) 858-0740.

# 9. Miscellaneous Reports:

- A. N.O.C.F.A.: Treasurer Gambka stated that he meets with Holly Township Supervisor Kullis to open up the negotiations with North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA). Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated that the Chief told the employees they need to be vocal and some people are concerned there is bullying going on. Inappropriate comments on social media and pictures of her mailbox, etc. that have become political. Trustee Noble discussed the stats of January NOCFA: 105 runs- 3% fire, 85% EMS. 39% Rose Township, 43% Holly Township, 4% I-75, rest out of district. Trustee Noble doesn't understand the dispute between the townships because they are paying equally for the services we are getting. He called the medical cost right-off "sneaky" with strange mis-management going on.
- **B.** Planning Commission: Trustee Noble stated there is nothing to report.
- **C. HAYA:** Trustee Walls read their annual report for 2021: they assist students, have a camp, loan out instruments, have fundraising events, scholarships, and the Jacobson-Quinn Toy Project.
- **D.** Cemetery Committee: Clerk Miller stated the next meeting is March 21. The old fence is being removed at this time at Rose Center, preparing for the new fence to go up.
- E. Zoning Board of Appeals: Treasurer Gambka stated there is nothing to report.
- **F. Parks and Recreation:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated she is waiting for grant money for the autumn olive in Dearborn Park.
- **G.** Heritage Committee: Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated they are working on some events for the summer.
- **H. Supervisor Report:** Handed out the No-Haz Collection dates flyer. Rose Township residents are not charged if they attend this event. She attended the Holly Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding 2022 bond proposal facts. She attended the Board of Review member training since she is the Supervisor and needs to be aware of what's going on with Board of Review. She was appointed to the Oakland County Federal Aid Committee Board and she will be representing small townships.

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

Jeremy Lintz, NOCFA Fire Chief: North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) runs an accruing account method, so all bills going out are looked at as revenue; when the money comes in, they credit that to their account. He stated he is not being sneaky, like he was accused of, but using the accounting method. He is a Rose Township resident and doesn't want to see NOCFA split up. He has been with North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) for 25 years, 17 as fire chief and he has never had anything but the publics best interest at heart

**Resident**: Involved with Tipsico Lake Road clean-up for clean-up day and asks everyone to do the same with their streets. Suggests the board study Clerk Miller's taxing authority letter.

Karin Winchester: Suggested Rose Township going with 4 mills, then it is even between all residents.

**Scott Blaska, Lieutenant at NOCFA**: Joined the fire department in 2010. Having a joint venture is how they are able to do what they do. It won't be feasible if Holly Township backs out.

**Nick Kennedy**: Was on the city council in Wixom. He bought the house he lives in here in Rose Township because the fire department is at the end of the street.

**William Dunbar**: He was a paramedic for many years. He listens to arguments and he hears a lot of drama in Rose Township. He asked the board to quit the drama because the drama could end your life.

**Chris Kettle, Captain at NOCFA**: The growth of the fire department in three years went to needing full time officer staff at each station. He stands by Chief Lintz 100%.

James Kurin: Prays when NOCFA goes by and asked all of us to pray.

- **Luke Murchie**: The firefighters do not get allowances for gas when they drive their own vehicles. We need to make this work. The Board needs to vote out the Citizen at large.
- **Daniel Miller, Lieutenant at NOCFA**: North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) hired him as a paramedic. He obtained his bachelor's degree and is just shy of his master's degree. Chief Lintz breeds leaders and is not the problem.
- **Melissa Borden**: Asked Supervisor Scheib-Snider to listen to the citizens, rather than doodling. And asked them to stop complaining about the bills.
- **Dana Snowden**: He is a Trump supporter. He suggested the Board listen to the people and stand up for America. Suggested they trust in God. And reminded them that elections are coming up.
- **Randy Fink, NOCFA member**: Each person on the Board is elected and suggested they get off the personal vendetta and pay attention to the people speaking. Stated the Board needs to start representing the citizens.
- **P.J. Kravetz, Health and Safety Officer at NOCFA**: Worked for Springfield Twp fire department for 15 years, but took the opportunity to work for North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) six years ago. Been in the business for fifteen years. The issues that the Board is trying to blame on the fire chief should be blamed on the fire board. If Chief Lintz goes, he goes.
- **Resident, NOCFA Paramedic**: Chief Lintz put her through the fire academy. He sent her to classes so she could become an instructor. She stands by Chief Lintz.
- **Trooper Kelly**: He works all over Oakland County, but he picks this area every time he gets the chance. He knows private EMS take a lot longer to arrive to the scene, which keeps him from going to other calls for a longer period of time, so if that slows down, so will the police. He asked the Board to look at the response time of North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) vs. private industry. He respects the Board and knows they care.
- **Julius Stern**: Money that could have been diverted to North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA): repainting office, old township hall, personal assistant for supervisor, etc. The Board showed their conduct when they tried to keep the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) presentation from happening.
- **Tim Seal, Captain at NOCFA, President of NOCFA Union**: He assures that the union did not form due to a lack of leadership. The union formed because the firemen lost their voice at the table with the fire board. The fire chief was silenced, so they organized. They are now protected by laws and MERC (Michigan Employment Relations Commission.)

11. Adjournment: 8:53pm

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II Rose Township Clerk

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