

**JULY 13, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING
ROSE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Wednesday, July 13, 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: Paul Englehart, Scott and Autumn Woodcox, Jeff and Paula Hartman, Debra Bourdeau, Melissa Borden, James Holton Sr., Anthony Madary, Tammy Burgess, Kathleen Martin, Jim and Rochelle Flake, Gordon Bradshaw, Donna Douglas, Linda and Keith Call, David and Carolyn Burtch, Steve and Penny Abner, J.A.Hobar, Terry John, Will Love, Elizabeth Kravetz, Susan K. Fleming, Jerry Fleming, P.J. Kravetz, Dan Johnson, Louise Sandie, Mark Bolan, Julius Stern, Jeremy Lintz, Joe Durocher, Gisela Lendle-King, Gregg Allen, Scott Blaska, Marilee Carstens

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Approval of Agenda:

Addition of Presentation by Deputy Clerk Renee Kraft. Remove meeting minutes and add to new business as item F. Remove bills and add to new business as item G.

Motion by Trustee Walls to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

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 minus the minutes and bills. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

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

3. Presentation:

Deputy Clerk Renee Kraft congratulated Clerk Debbie Miller for becoming Michigan Township Clerk of the Year through the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. There are 1,240 Township Clerks in the State of Michigan.

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

Warren Hardie: Discussed item E. Resolution to appoint board of review member. Asked what the process is for Supervisor appointing board of review member. Asked who she reached out to and who did she inform? Questioned if it is a paid position. Presented Clerk Debbie Miller with a plaque for Clerk of the year from the residents of Rose Township.

5. Public Hearing:

None

6. Unfinished Business:

None

7. New Business:

A. Juneteenth – Adopt Federal Holiday:

Motion by Trustee Walls to adopt the holiday Juneteenth. Seconded by Supervisor Scheib-Snider.

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

B. Resolution Policy Relative to the Review of Poverty Exemptions:

The poverty exemption levels have increased since 2021.

Motion by Trustee Noble to adopt the resolution Policy Relative to the Review of Poverty Exemptions. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

**Township of Rose
Resolution 2022-10
Adopted Policy Related to the Review and
Granting of Poverty Exemption by the
Rose Township 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 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 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-Snyder
NO: None
ABSENT: None

C. 2022 Poverty – Hardship Exemption Application Amendments:

Motion by Trustee Walls to approve the hardship exemption application amendments for 2022. Seconded by Supervisor Scheib-Snyder.

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

D. ARPA Fund - Township Hall:

Four options were presented. Suggestion by audience member that a cost analysis be in the mix to tear it down. Trustee Noble proposed that the architects make a presentation at the next board meeting so the residents know what the board is talking about.

Motion by Trustee Noble to postpone until Architects can present a presentation board to the public. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

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

E. Resolution to Appoint Board of Review Member:

Letter from James Holton, Sr.

Motion by Trustee Walls to adopt the resolution to appoint the Board of Review member, James R. Holton, Sr, for a partial term ending in December. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

**ROSE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2022-11
TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO BOARD OF REVIEW**

WHEREAS, a member appointed to the Rose Township Board of Review has resigned,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rose Township Board of Trustees approves the appointment of James Holton to the Board of Review to serve a partial term beginning in July 2022 and ending in December 2022.

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

F. Minutes:

Trustee Walls wants public comments stricken from the record and a typo corrected from page 14 (dessert i/o desert).

Trustee Walls: "The public comments I want reduced to Don Speace, Dan Johnson, Julius Stern and the other people - addressed the board, strike all other comments."

Motion by Trustee Walls to have that be our way of doing the public comments from here on out.
Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

Motion by Trustee Walls to make desert dessert and to strike the public comments and from here forward the public comments will be “Don Space, whoever, addressed the board.” Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

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

G. Bills:

Trustee Walls questioned check number 23135-Asked what ‘grooming’ meant? Clerk Miller explained what grooming meant - that the cemetery roads were groomed, fluffed, made to look better.

Motion by Trustee Walls to approve the bills. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

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

8. Announcements:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting:** August 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:** August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. N.O.C.F.A. Board Meeting:** July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at NOCFA Fire Station #1
- D. Assessing Office:** M-F, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 248-858-2179, doyler@oakgov.com
- E. Township Board Regular Meeting:** August 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- F. NoHaz Event:** Saturday, July 23 from 8:00am – 2:00pm at Kensington Church, 4640 Lapeer Rd, Orion Township – register online at www.nohaz.com.

9. Miscellaneous Reports:

- A. N.O.C.F.A.:** Treasurer Gambka stated that the next meeting is Monday. Tuesday working on the union contract. A proposal and counterproposal will be looked at.
- B. Planning Commission:** Trustee Noble stated they are working on the Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan. August meeting has been postponed and they will meet again in September. Public hearing will be planned so the public can make comments.
- C. HAYA:** Trustee Walls stated Secretary resigned again and they have a new one. Euchre tournament July 24. Popcorn will be served at the car show.
- D. Cemetery Committee:** Clerk Miller stated the fence at Rose Center is completed. **Elections:** There is confusion on the NOCFA millage.
- E. Zoning Board of Appeals:** Treasurer Gambka stated it was cancelled.
- F. Parks and Recreation:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated the five (5) year plan is being updated. Swallowwort at Dearborn Park needs to be sprayed. Wrote for a grant from CISMA, but won’t know until fall if we will receive it.

G. Heritage Committee: Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated they had an ice cream social with troopers. Stated maybe 115 attended. Stated she has grant money available through DTE and plans to do other events.

H. Supervisor Report: Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated she is working on information about the fire millage. 3.5 mil total. The old millage has expired so this one replaces the old one. Ballots are going out. "A portion of the millage will be distributed to NOCFA" is written in the proposal because we don't get the entire amount the first year and the roll-back will affect how that is taken in as well- that is something she had to put in. Handicap sign was installed today and the parking lot is completed.

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

PJ Kravetz: Gave a heart-felt congratulations to Clerk Miller. It has not gone unnoticed by your residents. Supervisor Scheib-Snider doesn't listen to her constituents.

Linda Call: Congratulated Clerk Miller and gave her flowers.

Melissa Borden: Old Township Hall- Questioned how if you cannot attach an old wheelchair ramp to the building because the foundation is cracked, how is that safe? She sees future lawsuits.

Resident: Suggested putting Clerk's (all) newsletters on bulletin board at Dearborn Park. Suggested putting all positions in their as well.

Merilee Carstens: Has known Clerk Miller since 2012 and pleaded with her to stay late so her daughter could register to vote, and Debbie did. The old Township Hall is on the state register of historic sites. A few residents worked hard to get it on the register. She is part of the heritage committee, but said there is thanks to Treasurer Gambka-he went through a lot of processes to get professional input to get us launched. There is modest restoration. We need to make an effort to fix it up, not sell it. We need more citizen input. She implores to let the citizens get more involved. RFFA (Reproductive Freedom for All). Learn about it because it will be on the ballot in November. She will talk to anyone that wants more information about Right to Life.

Emily Tippen: Congratulated Clerk Miller. Asked if anyone on the Board congratulated Clerk Miller. Clerk Miller stated only Trustee Noble. Discussing Supervisor Scheib-Snider's comment-Money does not need to be sent back. Why can't this building be updated and used for what Dianne wants to use the other one for. Asked if we have an allowance if the costs go over the amount, we are getting from ARPA? Asked Supervisor Scheib-Snider if she has told people to vote no on increasing the fire millage? Supervisor Scheib-Snider responded "No. I haven't told anybody how to vote."

Will Love: Congratulated Clerk Miller. Asked Supervisor Scheib-Snider to converse with people. There is nothing wrong with residents making comments during meetings. You are supposed to listen to the people, not shut them up.

Mike Maher: Congratulated Clerk Miller. Quote from a Pastor, "Do all things in good order." Debbie does all things in good order.

Dan Johnson: Congratulated Clerk Miller. There is no township in this area that conducts themselves like this board does.

Christine Lintz: The elected board is attacking her loved ones. She doesn't believe they are Godly people and shouldn't be on the board. Respects her husband, Chief Jeremy Lintz. Thanked him for being a good husband. Shame on most of the board for not showing support for the fire millage.

Julius Stern: Old township hall-The upstairs is beautiful and 80% done. But then Supervisor Scheib-Snyder shut it down and put no occupancy on the building. Clerk Miller was honored from the MAMC Clerk and became Township Clerk of the year. She has a flawless record when it comes to elections. Election Commission voted that he could not work elections in Rose Township because he violated an ordinance.

Don Speace: Congratulated Clerk Miller. Thanks her for everything she does. Suggested we get a new township attorney. Filing a formal complaint with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission.

Louise Sandie: Congratulated Debbie Miller. Can't believe this board isn't reveling in the news of Clerk Miller winning Township Clerk of the Year.

Charles Flake: Congratulated Clerk Miller. Questioned the new registration cards. Suggested the audience share the information they have.

Jeremy Lintz: Fire Millage-It is not a 3.5 mil increase. Explained that when a new millage starts, it's bringing in more annually than what the actual budget will be, but as it carries on, it reduces with the Headlee Rollback as the budget increases. For those last couple years there may be a situation where that millage is no longer generating enough money to match the budget for that millage term, therefore, they can go back and utilize the excess funds that were in years 1, 2 and 3 to offset the cost and not have to pull out of the general fund. Stated it is all in his letter.

11. Adjournment: 8:47pm

Approved/Corrected



Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk