

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2019**

Supervisor Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Supervisor Schmitt, Clerk Tischler, Treasurer Mooney and Trustees Cook, Nelson and O'Reilly

Absent: Trustee Scarcello

Others Present: Sandra LaJoie, Deputy Clerk

**STUDY SESSION OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET:**

Schmitt suggested the Board go through the Budget, section by section, as has been done in previous years and opened the floor for discussion.

The Board went through each section of the Budget and under "Other Appropriations" "Legal fees" changed from requested "12,000" to "14,000".

**Regular Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor's Report**

Schmitt noted there is no February meeting scheduled and all subsequent meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Schmitt stated Planning Commission is meeting on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and all of you are invited to attend.

**Clerk's Report**

Tischler commented that a check has been received from Groves High School for the November mock election ballots used by the students.

Tischler noted there have been 11 cat licenses issued in 2019 compared to 9 last year and 166 Dog licenses have been purchased compared to 92 last year.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mooney commented that 56% of the winter taxes have been paid with a little over a month left before the deadline.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT CONTAINED ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

No one wished to be heard.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Tischler requested item 9-a-Discussion and Possible Resolution to Accept Gift from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Motion** by Mooney, supported by Nelson, the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Cook noted on page 2, under “Discussion and Possible Approval of November 2, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes”, second paragraph, first bullet point, first line, after “that” strike “old” and replace with “full” and in the same line, after “versus” strike “fake” and replace with “face”.

**Motion** by O’Reilly, supported by Cook, the December 11, 2018 minutes be approved as amended.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR TOWNSHIP BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020:**

**Motion** by Tischler, seconded by Cook, the following Resolution be adopted:

The Southfield Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing with regard to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Township Budget on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at the Township Hall located at 18550 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Southfield Township, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Tischler, Mooney, Cook, Nelson, O’Reilly, Schmitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Scarcello

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP:**

Schmitt stated ~~as you are aware~~, Prop One passed at the last election. The proposal allows Marijuana (Marihuana as it is officially spelled) retail vendors in Michigan communities, unless the community expressly opts out. There are other options, such as allowing a limited number of establishments.

Schmitt noted attached is a proposed Ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments in the Township and the attached Ordinance was drafted by Township attorneys. Incidentally, all the Villages are passing their own similar ordinances. This will be our second reading before a roll call vote.

The Board discussed the consistency of the Ordinance and agreed to contact the Township attorneys for clarification before adoption.

**Motion** made to table by Nelson, supported by Mooney, until the March meeting.

**Motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GIFT FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:**

Tischler stated the Daughters of the American Revolution gave the Township a donation of \$75.00 in appreciation for the use of the Township's meeting room. By policy, acceptance of the donation requires Township Board approval.

**Motion** by Nelson, seconded by Tischler, to accept the gracious donation of \$75.00 from the Daughters of the American Revolution to be used toward beautification of the Township Building.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF DECEMBER EXPENDITURES:**

**Motion** by Nelson, supported by O'Reilly, to approve the December expenditures as follows:

101 General Fund	\$	43,534.57
703 Tax Fund	\$	<u>3,208,890.15</u>
Total	\$	3,252,424.72

Mooney and Nelson answered all questions.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

No one wished to be heard.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

O'Reilly wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day, Happy Superbowl Day and ~~my~~ birthday in February. February birthdays.

Mooney wished O'Reilly a Happy Birthday.

Nelson asked the Board if they were happy with the landscaper; we had last year.

Mooney responded the landscaper did a good job this past year.

Supervisor Schmitt adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Phillip Schmitt, Supervisor

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Sharon Tischler, Clerk

These minutes are not official. The Board of Trustees has not formally approved them.