

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 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, and O'Reilly

Absent: Trustees Nelson and Scarcello

Others Present: Sandra LaJoie, Deputy Clerk

Supervisor's Report

Schmitt reported the Board of Review concluded on March 13, 2019 and everything went smoothly.

Clerk's Report

Tischler commented 687- 2019 dog licenses have been issued compared to 688- last year and 32 cat licenses have been issued compared to 52- last year at this time.

Tischler stated Cory Services has completed spring cleanup on the landscaping beds.

Tischler advised items that could be disposed of at this time were shredded and obsolete equipment will be taken to the recycling center for destruction. Items that are required to be maintained will be relocated to the storage facility until and if they can be disposed of.

Tischler noted 2018/2019 financial information needed to begin the audit process has been forwarded to the Township Auditor.

Tischler stated preparations are underway to submit several newly adopted ordinances to the codifiers to update our ordinance book.

Treasurer's Report

Mooney noted settlement is done, submitted to the County and approved. Mooney added delinquent taxes should be received from the County before the end of the month.

Mooney commented in 2018 the Township collected 98.1% of the summer and winter taxes compared to 98.25% last year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT CONTAINED ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA:

No one wished to be heard.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Cook, supported by Mooney, the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

The following changes were made to the March 12, 2019 BOT regular meeting minutes:

- Page 1, fourth paragraph, first line after “equipment,” insert “with”
- Page 2, first paragraph, first line after “and” strike “questioners” and insert questionnaires’
- Page 2, 6th paragraph down, first sentence after “requirements” strike “I” and insert “Tischler”. Same page, first sentence after “I” add “s” to “believe”.
- Page 2, seventh paragraph down, first sentence, after “time,” strike “I don’t” to “Tischler doesn’t”.
- Page 2, eighth paragraph down, second sentence after “four” add an “s” to “day”
- Page 4, first paragraph, first line, after “Lowenberg” strike “State Representative” and insert City of Southfield, Treasurer.
- Page 5/6, last item, in the Resolution change all the “WHERE AS” to “WHEREAS”
- Page 7, under “Discussion and Possible Revision of Personnel Policy-Longevity”, second line, strike “We” and begin the sentence with a capital “C” and after Currently insert “there is” and strike “have”. Same page and paragraph, 4th line down, after “2019” strike “We” replace with “The Board “and the next line after “wouldn’t” insert “fully” and in the same sentence after “employee” put a “period” and strike the rest of the sentence.

Motion by Mooney, supported by O’Reilly, the March 12, 2019 minutes be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD:

Schmitt reviewed the memo and suggested passing the following Resolution:

Resolved by Schmitt, supported by O'Reilly, to reappoint Chris Wilson, as the Southfield Township Representative, and to reappoint Thomas Meszler, as alternate representative, to the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2019. The Clerk is directed to submit the appropriate certification.

ROLL CALL:

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

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT FOR BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FROM 2019-2022:

Mooney stated the tax collection agreement with the Birmingham Public Schools must be renewed every three years. The fee of \$3.75 per parcel per year currently charged is in line with other municipalities. Mooney recommends renewing the agreement at the existing rate.

Cook questioned if the school has agreed to this ~~agreement~~ rate. Mooney replied the agreement will be presented to the Schools once it is approved by the Township Board.

Resolved by Mooney, supported by Schmitt, to approve a three-year agreement with the Birmingham Public Schools to collect their taxes beginning with the July 1, 2019 tax season and authorize the Supervisor and Treasurer to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ASSESSING CONTRACT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FROM 2019-2022:

Schmitt presented the Renewal Contract from Oakland County Assessing for 2019-2022 noting a slight increase in per-parcel cost.

Resolved by Mooney, supported by Cook, that the Southfield Township Board approves renewing the proposed assessing contract for real and personal property with Oakland County for 3 years, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Further, the Clerk and Supervisor are authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Township.

ROLL CALL:

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RESOLUTION CONCERNING NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS:

Schmitt reviewed the memo in which was requested the Township Boards position on elected offices appearing as non-partisan on the ballot and asked the Board if they have any comments.

Several comments were offered in support of the non-partisan legislation.

Suggested Resolution Options:

Resolved by Cook, supported by Mooney, that the Southfield Township Board supports legislation that would allow Township Boards the option to have its elected offices appear as non-partisan on the ballot.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Cook, Schmitt, Mooney, O'Reilly
Nays: Tischler
Absent: Nelson and Scarcello

~~**Resolved** by _____, supported by _____, that the Southfield Township Board opposes legislation that would allow Township Boards the option to have its elected offices appear as non-partisan on the ballot.~~

ROLL CALL:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MARCH EXPENDITURES:

Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Cook, to approve the March expenditures as follows:

101 General Fund	\$	56,627.31
703 Tax Fund	\$	695,902.44
Total	\$	752,529.75

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

No one wished to be heard.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

No one wished to be heard.

Supervisor Schmitt adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Phillip Schmitt, Supervisor

Sharon Tischler, Clerk