

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 11, 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, O'Reilly and Scarcello

Absent: Trustee Nelson arrived at 7:02 P.M.

Others Present: Sandra LaJoie, Deputy Clerk

**Supervisor's Report**

Schmitt commented the Audit will be presented at the July meeting.

**Clerk's Report**

Tischler noted 768 – 2019 dog licenses have been issued compared to 811 – last year and 28 cat licenses have been issued compared to 36 - at this time last year.

Tischler advised ten laptops have been provided by the State to be used as E-Poll Book at each precinct on Election Day. A training session was offered in Waterford Township which ~~myself~~ Tischler and ~~my deputy~~ Deputy LaJoie attended. The program was to provide setup and hands on training. That did not occur. Hands on and E-Poll Book training has been arranged for with Bloomfield Township as they have an August Election scheduled.

Tischler commented that there is a possibility of a November Election in the Township since discussions on ballot questions are being considered by Birmingham Schools, Franklin Village and Oakland Community College.

Tischler mentioned if a November Election is called and since the Township has not implemented the use of E-Poll Book until now, the Board will see at an upcoming meeting a request for an increase in the pay rate for precinct works, chairs, co-chairs and additional part time help in the office along with a flat rate for E-Poll Book training. The request is being made because at least two members of the staff at each precinct will need to be trained on the use of E-Poll Book. That will be required viewing a video of the Poll Book set up and operation, reviewing the paper E-Poll Book instructions and hands on training with a sample Election program. Consideration of compensation for the time spent on training needs to be taken into account as part of serving as a precinct inspector.

Tischler stated Proposal 18-3 has forced changes to voter registration and issuing absent voter ballots that will increase the time spent on those functions along with the additional time necessary to prepare the laptop computers that will need to be programmed for use on Election Day.

Preparation of information that needs to be downloaded to the laptops cannot occur until 4:00 P. M. on the Monday before the Tuesday Election.

Tischler advised that precinct chairs will not be able to pick up their supplies until at least 6:00 P.M. or later on the Monday before the Election. Township staff will be in the building until all the prep work and pick up of supplies is complete. Election Day begins at 5:30 A. M. and does not end until the election results are delivered to the County Clerk's Office.

Tischler noted I.T.Right, our IT vendor, is scheduled in October to prepare all of the laptops for use during the upcoming elections. This service is included in our maintenance agreement.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mooney noted tax rates are in and ~~you~~ Tax Payers should receive ~~your~~ their summer tax bills in ~~your~~ their mailbox on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Taxes increased slightly. Mooney added she researched a website for unclaimed property and found three parcels in the Township and after further investigation all the taxes on the properties have been paid.

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

No one wished to be heard.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**Motion** carried unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

The following changes were made to the April 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes:

Cook mentioned on page 3, under "Discussion and Review of Tax Collection Agreement for Birmingham Public Schools, Intermediate School District and Oakland Community College from 2019-2022," 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph down, first line, after "this" strike "agreement" and insert "rate."

Cook noted on page 4, under title of “Discussion and Possible Resolution Concerning Non-Partisan Elections:” strike the second motion.

Motion by O’Reilly, supported by Cook, minutes be approved as amended.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR POLICE AND FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS:**

**Resolved** by Mooney, seconded by Tischler, that the following resolution be adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southfield Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Township Hall located at 18550 West Thirteen Mile Road, Southfield Township, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of spreading Tax Assessments for the Township Only special assessment districts for police and fire protection.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, GIVING, WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE:**

**Resolved** by Mooney, supported by Scarcello, to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS** women of every race, class, and ethnic background across America have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the United States in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS** the women of this nation initiated the most significant women’s movement in history-the need for women’s suffrage; and

**WHEREAS** despite the strong opposition, the inspiration and determination of women nationwide brought about the extraordinary accomplishment-the right for women to vote; and

**WHEREAS** on June 10, 1919, Michigan women cast their vote when Michigan voters ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and

**WHEREAS** the State of Michigan was the second state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, giving

women the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS** on August 26, 1920, voters across the nation secured the right for women to vote when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified, empowering American women and declaring for the first that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship stating, “. . . the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of “sex”, and

**WHEREAS** August 26, 2020 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the National Suffrage Amendment, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southfield Township Board of Trustees remembers and celebrates the historic women who fought for their right to vote and recognizes the courage and inspiration of these bold women to change the course of history.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that Southfield Township Board of Trustees will fly the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Victory Flag June 10, 2019 through June 14, 2019 to commemorate the State of Michigan ratifying the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and August 24, 2020 through August 28, 2020 to commemorate the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK:**

I, Sharon Tischler, being the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Township of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify and declare that the foregoing is a true and correct Copy of the Resolution to Celebrate the 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19<sup>TH</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, giving Women the right to Vote adopted by the Township of Southfield Board of Trustees at a regular meeting thereof held on June 11, 2019.

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Sharon Tischler, Clerk, MMC  
SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MTA DUES:**

Tischler presented the following Resolution for adoption:

Attached please find the dues statement from the Michigan Township Association, which is being submitted for Township Board approval.

The current year’s budget contains \$7,000.00 in line item #101-100-803.00 for payment of this invoice.

Last year we approved \$6,963.26 which included the legal defense fund contribution.

**Motion** by Mooney, supported by Cook, to approve payment of the Michigan Township Association annual dues, including the voluntary legal defense fund contribution from 7/1/19 to 6/30/2020 in the amount of \$6,898.94.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SETTING**  
**2020 BOARD OF TRUSTESS MEETING DATES:**

Schmitt proposed the following Resolution:

**Resolved** by O’Reilly, seconded by Nelson, that the following Resolution be adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Southfield Township Board of Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of the months listed below at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 18550 West Thirteen Mile Road, Southfield Township, Michigan. The dates are as follows:

January	14	<b>May</b>	<b>(no meeting)</b>	September	8
<b>February</b>	<b>(no meeting)</b>	June	9	October	13
March	10	July	14	<b>November</b>	<b>(no meeting)</b>
April	14	<b>August</b>	<b>(no meeting)</b>	December	8

**\*\* All regularly scheduled meetings start at 7:00 P.M.**

**\* Any Special Meetings will be posted and noticed as required by law.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

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

101 General Fund	\$ 50,370.05
703 Tax Fund	\$ <u>0</u>
Total	\$ 50,370.05

Nelson answered all questions.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

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

**Motion** by Nelson, supported by Cook, to approve the May expenditures as follows:

101 General Fund	\$ 53,957.37
703 Tax Fund	\$ <u>0</u>
Total	\$ 53,957.37

Nelson answered all questions.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

No one wished to be heard.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

Nelson inquired about the Townships phone provider Windstream.

Tischler responded our telephone vendor will keep the Township informed as to what is going on.

Cook wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Schmitt wished everyone a Happy Summer Solstice.

Mooney commented the Birmingham Schools did agree to the 3-year Tax agreement collection.

O'Reilly thanked Schmitt for presenting the Resolution on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, giving, women the right to vote.

Scarcello mentioned the meeting in Bingham Farms regarding the Assisted Living/Office Building being considered. Final results were that the joint venture developers were asked to return to Bingham Farms Council with their proposal on how they would handle extra police and fire costs.

Supervisor Schmitt adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Phillip Schmitt, Supervisor

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Sharon Tischler, Clerk