

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

Others Present: Gail Beke, Franklin

Supervisor's Report

Schmitt reminded Trustees there would not be a meeting in November. Trustee Nelson will contact members of the Compensation Committee to set a date for a meeting.

Clerk's Report

Tischler noted 883 dog licenses have been issued compared to 908 last year and 43 cat licenses have been issued compared to 51 at this time last year. Tischler stated that a refund had been received from Michigan Municipal League for an overpayment of the workers compensation premium in the amount of \$326. The Public Accuracy Test of the election equipment will be held tomorrow at 10:30 am. in the meeting room.

Treasurer's Report

Mooney noted as of last week 96% of the summer taxes have been collected. Payments have been steady. Last week letters went out to those residents whose taxes are still outstanding and they have been responding. As of today winter, tax bill rates have been approved.

**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 Cook, the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING
MINUTES:**

The following changes were made to the September 10, 2019 meeting:

Cook noted on page 1, under **CLERK'S REPORT**, first paragraph, third sentence, strike "the" and insert "other". Sentence to read, "...Council meetings, *other* Village Commission meetings," On page two, under **PUBLIC COMMENTS**, middle of second sentence, Nelson inserted the phrase, "... *State of Michigan*..." after "...the 2018 passage of..." The second line to

read, "...spent a lot of time working on the 2018 passage of the *State of Michigan* Proposal 18-3." O'Reilly corrected the typo of the **ROLL CALL VOTE** at the bottom of page 4. "Recue" should be spelled "*Recuse*" and under **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:** the fourth sentence should begin with "*Scarcello commented that...the situation with the schools....*"

Motion by Mooney, supported by Cook, the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Supervisor Schmitt noted the appointment of Albert Beke to the Zoning Board of Appeals would expire at the end of this year. ZBA members are generally appointed for three-year terms and we do our best to balance the Board geographically and stagger their terms. Beke lives in Franklin and he meets the staggered term goal. He has agreed to be re-appointed and his term will expire December 31, 2022.

Resolved by Tischler, supported by Schmitt, to re-appoint Albert Beke to the Southfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2022.

Cook corrected the end date of Beke's re-appointment. It should read the re-appointment would be through "2020".

Resolved by Tischler, supported by Schmitt, to re-appoint Albert Beke to the Southfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals, expiring December 31, ~~2020~~ 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

Resolved by Mooney, supported by O'Reilly, to re-appoint Jeffrey Hausman to the Southfield Township Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

Resolved by Schmitt, supported by Tischler to re-appoint Bonnie Cook to the Southfield Township Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SOCWA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDMENTS:

Resolved by Cook, supported by Nelson to approve the SOCWA Articles of Incorporation Amendments and authorize Southfield Township’s SOCWA Representative to approve it.

There was a discussion about how the votes per communities are calculated.

ROLL CALL:

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES AND DISPOSAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Schmitt referred to his Memo, dated October 3, 2019, RE: Discussion and Possible Renewal of Oakland County Animal Services Contract.

Resolved by O’Reilly, supported by Scarcello, to approve the Oakland County Animal Care Center Service and Disposal Interlocal Agreement, covering the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract on the Township’s behalf.

ROLL CALL:

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURES:

Motion by Nelson, supported by Cook to approve September expenditures as follows:

101 General Fund	\$ 39,579.05
703 Tax Fund	<u>\$ 21,572,919.64</u>
Total	\$ 21,612,498.69

In the **PAYEE** column for Check Number 4053, Mooney corrected the spelling of the word “taes”. It should read, “Lereta-refund for **taxes** paid- Berkheimer”.

Motion approved as amended.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

No one wished to be heard.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

At Scarcello’s request, Tischler clarified where the schools stood regarding the precinct polling locations.

Tischler contacted the Birmingham School Board and received two (2) sheets of information regarding the school millage. There was a general discussion and clarification of this issue and that of the Oakland University which would also be voted on in November.

Tischler responded to Cook’s inquiry about the reasons why the Birmingham schools did not want polling locations in the schools.

Schmitt requested suggestions for candidates to fill the vacant ZBA position.

Supervisor Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Phillip Schmitt, Supervisor

Sharon Tischler, Clerk