

Holly Township
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
Minutes of February 19, 2020

Call to Order: Supervisor Kullis called the regular meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:32 p.m. Located at the Karl Richter campus, Holly Area Schools Board Room, 920 E. Baird St, Holly Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present:

George Kullis, Supervisor
Mark Freeman, Treasurer
Pat Feeney, Trustee
Karin Winchester, Clerk
Steve Ruth, Trustee

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Agenda Approval.
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020
3. Approval of Financial Statement – January 2020.
4. Approval of Bills for Payment – February 2020.
5. Receipt of Routine Reports:
 - A. N.O.C.F.A. Minutes – January 21, 2019.
 - B. Planning Commission Minutes – January 7, 2020.
 - C. Building Permits – January 2020.
 - D. Treasurer’s Annual and Quarterly Report – None.
6. Communications:
 - A. Letter dated January 31, 2020 from Senator Ruth Johnson re: House Bill 5229.
 - B. Planning Commissioner Engelberg Resignation.
 - C. Planning Commissioner Steckley Resignation.

Agenda Approval:

- **Trustee Ruth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Clerk Winchester supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Winchester: yes, Feeney: yes, Ruth: yes, Freeman: yes, Kullis: yes; motion carried 5/0.**

Public Hearings: Reprogramming 2017 CDBG Funds.

- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to open Public Hearing. Trustee Ruth supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion carried 5/0.**

None appearing.

- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to close Public Hearing. Treasurer Freeman supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion carried 5/0.**

Presentation:

1. Sue Julian, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy

Sue Julian addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the Fish Lake Rd. Landing. The grant submitted to the DNR has failed. The NOHLC is considering grant applications to various foundations including the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation, the Southeastern Michigan Resilience Fund, etc. Mrs. Julian would like to ask that the Township Board of Trustees pass a resolution to support the NOHLC with a \$17,000 matching “grant” in lieu of grant approval to fund the \$133,500.00 project.

2. Ron Campbell, Oakland County Planning- Holly Heritage Farmstead Master Plan Presentation

Ron Campbell from Oakland County Planning and Historic Preservation presented the Holly Heritage Farmstead Master Plan to the Board of Trustees. The plan has been in development for two years, beginning in the Fall of 2017. Mr. Campbell presented the Farmstead Master Plan and provided hard copies of the plan to each of the Board members.

Reports:

Trustee Feeney reported that the Planning Commission had completed a training session with John Jackson of McKenna; the Commission also conducted elections for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Trustee Feeney read a statement by Tony Engelberg at his request.

Treasurer Freeman reported that the contract with Oakland County would be under review at the February meeting; the Treasurer will have the ability to accept credit and debit cards for Tax and Building Department payments, the fees will be passed along to the card holder.

Supervisor Kullis reported that the open house for the North Holly Rd Construction will be held on February 25, 2020 at the Holly Middle School. Supervisor Kullis also spoke on the coming 2020 Census.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

- Sue Julian, former Board of Education member, addressed the board.
- Stacy Taylor, 15566 Falk Rd, addressed the board.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. North Holly Road Paving.

The Board discussed the TIGER Grant received by the Road Commission of Oakland County on behalf of Holly Township; RCOC did fail to communicate to the Township that

matching funds would be required as part of receiving the grant. Holly Township is required to fund \$375,000 for the project.

Clerk Winchester stated that the current tax millage does not allow the Township to fund road improvements; the required match would weigh heavily on years of savings by Holly Township earmarked for a new Township Hall. Further discussion about a road millage was had by the Board members, the Township has run on the same 1 mill since 1965.

Supervisor Kullis proposed three options to the Board members to fund the matching funds required. The Board members discussed the proposed options.

- **Supervisor Kullis made a motion to approve 10-year installments of \$37, 500.00 for the required cost participation agreement for the construction of North Holly Road. Clerk Winchester supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Ruth:yes; Freeman: yes; Feeney: yes; Winchester: yes; Kullis: yes; motion passed 5/0.**

2. Kurtz Road Bridge.

Treasurer Freeman stated that he would like to table this issue to allow the Township to research grants available, due to the commitment to North Holly Road.

- **Treasurer Freeman moved table Kurtz Road Bridge and investigate grants available. Trustee Feeney supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion carried 5/0.**

New Business:

1. Park Commissioner Appointment.

Supervisor Kullis informed the Board that Harold Peterson had resigned from the Parks Commission. Parks volunteer Donnamarie McBride has been recommended to fill the open position.

- **Supervisor Kullis made a motion to approve the appointment of Donnamarie McBride to the Parks Commission. Clerk Winchester supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all those present voted yes. Motion carried 5/0.**

2. Regional Transport Authority Millage Opposition – Proposed Resolution 2020-01.

Supervisor Kullis explained to the Board that the Regional Transport Authority is a plan that was fought by L. Brooks Patterson prior to his death; it is regarded as a tax grab from the northern communities to fund transportation for the southern communities and counties alike. Twenty-three Township Supervisors have signed an opposition and request a plan for opting out of the authority. The RTA would require taxation of 1.5 to 5 mills which the current seated County Executive is in favor of; allowing a taxing authority that would cover Oakland County.

- **Supervisor Kullis made a motion to approve the Regional Transport Authority Millage Opposition – Proposed Resolution 2020-01. Clerk Winchester supported**

the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all those present voted yes. Motion carried 5/0.

3. State Bank Authorization – Proposed Resolution 2020-02.

Treasurer Freeman explained to the Board that there was a change to an account to ICS: Insured Cash Sweep. This insures the account in case there was ever a bank failure. Changes require an authorized signature.

- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to approve State Bank Authorization – Proposed Resolution 2020-02. Treasurer Freeman supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Kullis: yes; Winchester: yes; Freeman: yes; Ruth: yes; Feeney: yes; motion carried 5/0.**

Public Comment:

Derek Burden, 14016 Fish Lake Rd- addressed the board.

Mary Blanchard, 3444 Old Creek Dr- addressed the board.

Paul Junge, Brighton, MI- addressed the board.

Stacy Taylor, 15566 Falk Rd- addressed the board.

Richard Kinnamon, 4151 Stonebridge- addressed the board.

Adjournment

Supervisor Kullis, hearing no other business, adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Amy N. Hillman
Recording Secretary

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk