
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kim Markee, Clerk
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Mark Monohon, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Bankowski (Guidehouse)	Elena Schwartzberg (Guidehouse)
Derek Diederich	Alison Swanson
Barb Miller	Keith Szymanski (Plante Moran)
Justin Westlake	Jeff Polkowski
Karen Joliat	

Agenda included:

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. ARPA Funds
4. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)
5. Adjourn

Clerk Markee called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call Vote was taken by Clerk Markee and three members were absent from the Board.

Derek provided a list of items that the Board previously talked about as to where we would spend our ARPA funds. Clerk Markee added several items to Derek's list to comprise all the items below:

The list included the following:

1. Sidewalks including the River Walk - (6) six Board Members having this on their list
2. Roads and Corridor Improvements – (5) five Board Members having this on their list
3. Community Center – (4) four Board Members having this on their list
4. Water & Sewer – (4) four Board Members having this on their list
5. Purchase Additional WOTA Buses—(2) two Board Members having this on their list
6. Improve Cyber Security
7. Upgrade GIS Mapping
8. Recruit & Training for the PD, FD and DPW
9. Election Equipment
10. Make sure the funds are in an interest bearing account

Jeff Bankowski from Guidehouse introduced himself and he represents the Michigan area for Guidehouse with most of their staff located in Washington DC. He said the funds need to be committed by 12-31-24 and spent by 12-31-26, and a commitment would be Board Approval. He explained the future Infrastructure Bill from Washington will require applications for grants, and some funding will be given for roads, broadband, and dams. FEMA match will be allowed. Clerk Markee asked if CDBG funds could be matched and he said he would check on it. He will also check to ensure that Waterford Township can give funding to offset SAD costs for subdivision roads in the Township. Trustee Hauswirth said we need to look at the upcoming revised Master Plan to help make our future decisions. Jeff Polkowski said that he thinks within the next couple of months there would be a better feel after talking with community

members as to what they think Waterford should be doing and providing to the residents. Clerk Markee suggested waiting until 6-15-22 when Planning would know more about the Future Master Plan, however it would take longer to final. Jeff Bankowski thought we could use the ARPA funds as matching funds to other grants.

Justin Westlake said there are several projects that must be done and one is to repaint the water tower on Main St. off of Walton which would cost about \$1.2 million. This needs to be done now. There are several projects he is giving to Supervisor Wall to submit to Congresswoman Haley Stevens. Derek mentioned we could use the "three street" (Calvert, Waterly, and Starr) water main replacement as a backup plan if no subdivision submits a SAD to use the \$1.0 million for subdivision roads.

Trustee Hauswirth said she is all about economic development with designating a downtown district. Trustee Bartolotta was against spending money on subdivision roads. He also mentioned we need to spend the money on removing all of our lead pipes, and Clerk Markee and Justin said we have very few and possibly zero lead pipes in the Township. Trustee Hauswirth said we need to have something to draw residents to stay in Waterford because the latest Census shows a population decline for Waterford.

Alison Swanson provided a list of items that Parks and Rec needs, and County Commissioner Karen Joliat thought most of the River walk extension would be covered by Oakland County Parks and Rec. She is also working with Senator Johnson to get subdivision road costs to be more equally divided amongst the residents.

Barb pulled together a Phase 1 spending to include: \$1.2 M for water tower repainting, \$1.0M for Parks and Rec, \$1.0M for subdivision roads, and \$1.0M for sidewalk repair and maintenance. Clerk Markee said we need to start advertising to the subdivision that there is money to provide a reduction in the SAD cost for repaving of subdivision roads to the residents, and we could mail it out with the water bills.

Trustee Bartolotta said we can review this again with our absent members at the next work session meeting. Clerk Markee mentioned Supervisor Wall needs to decide if he wants to wait until June to bring back Guidehouse because we may have better information regarding our updated Master Plan since Jeff Polkowski will have had some meetings with members of the community, but we can certainly talk about it at our next work session.

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Hauswirth, RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.