

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Margaret Birch, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Karen Joliat, Trustee
Steven Thomas, Trustee
Arthur Frasca, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Jason Herr
Sam Percal

Supervisor Wall called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Supervisor Wall handed out a millage chart for Waterford Township showing the totals with 1 to 5 mills, with an annual 2% increase in values going from year 2020 to 2040. It gives an estimated amount as to how much Waterford would possibly be contributing IF House Bill 5229 (Transportation or RTA) passed. After reviewing the handout, it was discussed and concluded HB5229 is not favorable for Waterford. We would only be a funding source and would not benefit in accordance to the millions of dollars that would come from Waterford residents if HB5229 passed. Clerk Markee stated younger workers want mass transit, and we need to be able to attract younger people to provide a workforce for future jobs, but HB5229 was not the way to do it. Waterford has started with joining WOTA (Western Oakland Transportation Authority) which provides transportation for our seniors 50 + years old and disabled adults. There are also buses available that individuals use throughout the area, and Lyft and Uber for anyone that does not want to drive.

David Coulter, Oakland County Executive will be at the White Lake Library on February 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. for a meet and greet if anyone is interested in attending.

Trustee Joliat mentioned there is an Amtrak train that already goes from Pontiac to Detroit, and this is currently available for all residents to use which is more than HB5229 is proposing. Karen also asked, have the retiree benefits been closed to all new hires in the City of Detroit? Clerk Markee sent an email to Detroit asking this question, and will let all board members know what the response is when received.

Trustee Thomas commented the current bus and Q-line passenger usage has been declining.

Supervisor Wall informed everyone that we have a SEMCOG invoice for \$3,929.00 due for the Designated Management Agency Fee. The federal Clean Water Act (1972) required the establishment of an area-wide water quality management plan. The intent of this area-wide plan was to bring local governments and industry into conformance with the new law. It was agreed upon that we need to pay this to maintain our membership. There are numerous services Waterford receives from the membership.

Clerk Markee talked about the requirements for our residents to sign up for their senior and veteran discount for GFL prior to March 3 if they want 5% off their invoice. Five percent is the maximum annual discount allowed.

You can still sign up to receive an absentee ballot mailed to your home. You should receive the ballot sometime in February and the envelope will be blue and white instead of the previous manila color.

Since new police officers were hired, possibly we could approach Chief Underwood about having a weighmaster issue violations to support road funding in our Township.

Clerk Markee said the 2020 Census will be coming out soon, and spread the word for everyone to complete it so Waterford Township receives applicable funding for the number of residents we have.

Treasurer Birch stated she would not seek re-election. Everyone thanked her for her service and congratulated her.

Marijuana was briefly discussed and Supervisor Wall said, it seems like the cart is ahead of the horse with working through the marijuana issues. The first \$30 million must go to the State for up front funding before any municipalities receive funds from the state regarding marijuana revenue.

Trustee Thomas informed us Howard Heitzig, who was once the Waterford School Superintendent passed away on January 22, 2020. He was a very active community supporter and a member of the cable commission. He will be greatly missed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Kim Markee, Clerk

Gary Wall, Supervisor