
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor - Remotely from Waterford, Michigan
Kim Markee, Clerk – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan
Steve Thomas, Treasurer – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan
Janet Matsura, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan
Mark Monohon, Trustee – Remotely from Waterford, Michigan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Frasca	Josh Bowren	Shelly Schloss
Kari Vlaeminck	Gary Allison	

Agenda included:

1. Discussion of Returning to Live Board Meetings
2. Discussion of Proposed Lake Improvement Board Admin Fee Increase
3. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern
4. Public Comments

The virtual meeting started at 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting, asking when you think we should return to in-person, live meetings? Outdoor restrictions are lifted in June; however, if we do outdoor meetings, and if it rains, it could be bad. After careful consideration of this topic, it was agreed to return to live meetings starting in July.

Supervisor Wall said our ARPA money has been released and we received our first allotment. Kudos to Derek, Barb, and Shelly. You can have up to December 31, 2026, if projects were committed by December 31, 2024, to spend the money. Pontiac filed an appeal because they received \$5.6 million and now they are getting \$37.4 million. Trustees Bartolotta and Hauswirth said we should also appeal.

Treasurer Thomas reviewed the Lake Improvement Board hours for processing invoices and keeping their records. It came to \$6,200 using \$50/hour, 110 hours and a 10% contingency, and an annual \$150 audit review. Rainbow, Watkins, and Pontiac Lake process their own invoices. 3% and 2% fees were reviewed. Treasurer Thomas wants to be paid for the services we provide. Clerk Markee said it's a little amount of money and will cause people to become upset based on the principle of increasing the homeowner's taxes. Can Lake Improvement Boards (LIBS) approve this? Would the homeowners have to vote to increase the SAD for the lake? The Lake Improvement Board would need to have a public meeting for the residents to vote for the increase in the SAD. Treasurer Thomas said it would not be added until the LIBS were re-assessed. White Lake charges a 10% admin fee to their LIBS.

Trustee Monohon asked if there was an admin fee originally charged in the beginning when the LIBS was established, and "no there was not," according to Treasurer Thomas. Treasurer Thomas wants to recover the Township's costs to support the record-keeping and processing of the invoices for the LIBS. Trustee Matsura suggested we have all the LIBS administer their own financial requirements and pay their own invoices. Trustee Bartolotta said the Township collects the funds, so it goes through the Township. Trustee Hauswirth suggested we have consistency and put it on the next Board of Trustee Meeting to vote on it. Treasurer Thomas said he would add this to the Board of Trustee Meeting on June 14 for the Board to vote on it. Supervisor Wall said to make the change when all the SAD's are up for new assessing, with everyone paying 3% starting at the same time. Same rules for everyone at the same time.

Trustee Bartolotta said we could not talk amongst the other Board Members and wondered if we could talk with other Board Members on other cases to not be in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Supervisor Wall said we could not talk to each other when the topic is on the Agenda and up for a vote. It depends on the topic. Trustee Hauswirth said it was very frustrating when we cannot talk and work together on topics, and this process does not make sense if you cannot talk about the topic with the other Trustees. Once again, Supervisor Wall said you could not talk about the topics on the current Agenda as to how you will vote.

Treasurer Thomas experienced a neighbor's dog attacking and severely injuring his dog, and he has seen too many dogs not on a leash, and we need to write tickets to these dog owners. The Treasurer's dog is expected to recover. Supervisor Wall said it is Oakland County's responsibility.

We still have ARPA work to do. There may be some joint projects with the County that we might want to do. Trustee Hauswirth asked about different options. We could talk about the options for the ARPA spending during another work session. Trustee Hauswirth suggested working with other communities to make a larger impact. Supervisor Wall said we might want to purchase WOTA buses.

Meeting ended at 5:56 pm.

Kim Markee, Clerk

Gary Wall, Supervisor