
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Ward	Jim Duncan	Mary Craite
Derek Diederich	Alison Swanson	Jeff Polkowski

Supervisor Wall opened the work session by giving an update on Guidehouse grant writing. He has asked them to attend one of the upcoming work sessions.

Supervisor Wall provided an update on the Sr. Center and said that we are still trying to get all the costs. Once we get all the costs, we should include a 3% inflation rate per year and the Board would have to do a budget amendment to take on the responsibility of the Sr. Center from the Waterford School District. The plan includes the phones, printers, kitchen equipment, and computers left at the Sr. Center for it to continue, however, some of this equipment is outdated. Waterford Township's IT and HR Departments are working with the School District's IT and HR Departments. The grants are being researched to see if they can be transferred to the Township. Trustee Monohon asked about having a non-profit agency run the Sr. Center because he thought some municipalities have non-profit agencies run them such as the OPC in Rochester Hills. Pontiac has the County run their Meals on Wheels. Supervisor Wall said the School District's budget timing is different than the Township's budget timing. It has also been difficult getting the specific costs for the Sr. Center because the School District did not have a separate line in their general ledger assigned for the Sr. Center. The School District is continuing to work with the Township and has said they plan to exit that building on August 1, 2024.

Chris Ward, Oakland County Parks and Rec Director said that they would like to partner with Waterford Township to buy OCC Highland Lakes Campus if the numbers were feasible for them to purchase it. The County's Parks and Rec Offices are looking for another building to occupy because some of their office space is being re-purposed. They would plan to add another Parks and Rec millage to the November 5, 2024, ballot to cover the purchase of the OCC Highland Lakes Campus. The County's Parks and Rec millages pass by over 70%.

Supervisor Wall updated the Board on the SMART bus proposal to have 45 stops along M-59 throughout Waterford, White Lake, and Highland Township so WOTA riders will have increased access to other areas. WOTA is working on expanding the hours and the routes.

Trustee Monohon updated the Board on SEMCOG and asked if the Board would want to apply for a planning grant of up to \$50,000. He said that they could start with the grant that Clerk Markee submitted for the Iron Belle. Supervisor Wall was concerned about all the sidewalk maintenance that

we have to do and did not think we should add more sidewalks when we cannot maintain our current ones. Clerk Markee said that she agreed with this most of the time, however, connecting to the Iron Belle would add value to residents' properties and show that we are growing and possibly attract younger people to our Township. Supervisor Wall explained that when you cross Mann Rd. you connect to the Iron Belle when you connect to the Independence trail. Derek Diederich, Budget Director said that the Board should consider a small sidewalk millage like Waterford Township had in the past to cover the maintenance of all the sidewalks. Supervisor Wall said the last quote he received to tear out and replace sidewalks was \$66.00 a foot.

Trustee Matsura asked about the Williams Lake and Hatchery Road development. Jeff Polkowski, Development Services Director said that the Township does not have any legal recourse by turning the homes into rentals. These will be high-end rentals and currently, professionals are moving in. He said that most professionals like to try out the neighborhood first before making a larger investment in it. Waterford has very few, if any, high-end rentals and this development could attract young professionals to Waterford. The developer said that the higher interest rates were deterring home buyers from purchasing them and decided to make them rentals. He has heard that the rental rate is approximately \$2,500 per month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.