

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Bartolotta, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Jeff Gilbert, Trustee
Sam Harris, Trustee
Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee
Gary Wall, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shelly Schloss	Debbie Wertz
Kyle Saffron	Joellen Shortley

Opioid Settlement Funds

Joellen Shortley, Attorney, provided an update on what she is working on for providing opioid funds to organizations in Waterford. Trustee Hauswirth mentioned another non-profit organization called The Jamie Daniels Foundation that gives funding for education to prevent drug overdoses in children. Clerk Markee said we have \$250,000 to contribute. She thinks we should give funds to the Waterford Community Coalition and maybe some to the Waterford Youth Assistance, although they are not sure how much help they can provide since they do other things. Ms. Shortley said we have to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) and have organizations apply for the funds. The Police Department wants some funds for their Social Worker Position, and the Fire Department wants funds for AEDs. Supervisor Bartolotta said we should take care of our own departments first and then spend money on drug prevention with organizations located in Waterford. Trustee Hauswirth wants these funds to go towards drug prevention.

Per Debbie Wertz, Community Coalition Program Director, the schools are very particular as to who they let in. Are the schools willing to let this organization into their schools? Some of the discussions can be very heavy with grieving parents, and sometimes the schools have social workers available to help with the difficult discussions regarding drug overdoses and death. The Serenity Club is a place for AA meetings, and the Oasis at Mt Zion has a program for harm reduction and prevention.

Community Coalition is licensed by the State of Michigan, and Debbie Wertz is licensed. Dawn Flood is with the Student Leadership Services, which is located in the building across from Mott High School (Covert Building), and is all over the State. They receive grants to continue their programs.

It was suggested to have people from different areas of the community be included with the decision-making team as to who is selected to receive the funds. Trustee Harris said, have someone from the schools, such as Superintendent Adam Martin, and someone from the Township, such as Shelly Schloss, on the decision-making board. Trustee Wall said, "It was the Township that filed the paperwork with the attorney for us to get the money for the community."

Road Funding

The trustees discussed increasing the Township incentive for road funding from 10% to 20% to see if we get more residents interested in redoing their roads.

Shelly Schloss said it would be good to have a sliding scale allocation. Trustee Gilbert suggested assessing everyone on the road the same amount of money, because parcels on corner lots usually have the largest increase because of their road frontage. Maybe we have everyone pay the same. Trustee Harris said, "Kim and Ben from Independence Township did a per-unit cost, and it did not matter how many lineal feet each homeowner had."

Trustee Hauswirth suggested we increase the incentive amount to 25%. Overall, the trustees thought 20% was a good incentive amount.

Trustee Harris asked about offering PA188 like Independence Township offers to its residents. Clerk Markee said she is not opposed to offering PA188 and thinks that whatever it takes for residents to redo their roads, the Township should support programs and offer them. Trustee Gilbert is concerned that the residents be made aware of the differences in the product between the RCOC plan and the PA188 plan, including the differences in extended warranties. Trustee Wall thought we should continue with PA246, which is the RCOC plan. Supervisor Bartolotta will set up a meeting with the Road Commission of Oakland County for them to attend a work session with the Board members.

Township of Excellence

Clerk Markee informed the Trustees about the Township of Excellence, and what would be involved, and Supervisor Bartolotta asked her to send out information to the Trustees as to what is required for us to do this.

Decoy Sting Operations

Debbie Wertz said the State of Michigan and Oakland County operate a decoy sting operation. We had over a 55% failure rate in Waterford. Another team from the Waterford Police Department is going out, and right now, we are at an 11% fail rate with vape, alcohol, tobacco, and chewing tobacco shops allowing minors to purchase these items. The Glass House has been a repeat offender for selling to minors.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.