

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting  
Held on May 9, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Donald Becker at 7:00pm.

Present: Gehris, Anderson, Semenick, Becker, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting with correction.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for General Fund and Water Fund

April 2017

General Fund

Income	\$7448.42	Disbursements	\$30062.63
Balance on Hand	\$101672.25		

Water Fund

Income	\$20709.27	Disbursements	\$43720.96
Balance on Hand	\$29476.09		

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to receive Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

There was a case settled this week by the court

Another case going to court in a couple of weeks.

Ernie has had a discussion with one of the repeat offenders about cleaning up the yard again.

Assessor's Report:

Jessica is working on 2018 database

She has done 1 land division and handled another land split

Public Comment:

A resident asked about a rumor he had heard about double wide's not being allowed in the Township. He was told that they are allowed in two specific locations in the Township, but nowhere else. He also asked the Board to maybe put in a little reminder to people who have a double wide to make sure they have their title, because if they don't it may cause problems for them. He would also like the Township to talk to the building department to maybe add something in the building permit asking for a title for double wide homes.

A resident asked about when Pinewood was going to get resurfaced? He was told that Pinewood Subdivision roads were moved to the bottom of the list for road work to be done. There was conflicting information coming to the Board on what people wanted to be done, so we moved it to another year on

the road plan until we got clarification on what everyone wanted. It could possibly lead to having to set up a special assessment district to get the work done.

A resident pointed out a bad spot near the 23 entrance to Huron Woods Subdivision that needs work, also.

A resident asked why we sort the recyclables at the Transfer Station, because everything gets dumped into the same truck when they pick it up. We informed the resident that this needed to be brought up at the Cemetery/Transfer Station meeting.

#### Old Business:

Driveway at the Transfer Station- the driveway has been repaired with asphalt millings.

APM Update- The airplane has been through the Township and the ground spraying will begin soon. We reminded residents that they can call anytime to have their yards sprayed if they are having issues with mosquitos.

Update on Progress at the Water Plant- construction has begun on the new water plant and things are progressing nicely. They have removed all the trees, some of the pipes have been laid, gravel has been laid for the driveway. We will be getting monthly progress reports from the Engineer on the project at the Water Authority meetings.

Fire barn Doors- the garage doors have been replaced and the manned doors are in, but need painted. The painting will get done when the weather begins to cooperate.

#### New Business:

Clerks Computer- the Board has received a quote from the IT Company for a new computer for the clerk (see attached quote). The computer is going to be \$1115.00 with all new monitors and everything else. Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the bid for the new Clerk's computer. One of the old computers was re-built, so it could be used as a separate computer for the water department.

Additional Roads that need to be work- there were sections of road that we found we didn't have money to do in total, so we have considered doing them as spot stoning instead. We are waiting for a price from the Road Commission. The Board has decided to have a special meeting when the quote comes in to decide on whether to do the project or not.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance Review- there is an organization that wants to come in and look at our ordinance to see if the Township is covered under the new law that was passed by the State. The Board feels that the ordinance is sufficient. The new law is allowing people to grow more and put in dispensaries in Townships, but the Townships needs to either opt in or opt out. Whitney Township needs to decide whether to opt in or not. There are five types of businesses that are allowed under the new law.

Fran doesn't want to opt in to the program, because he doesn't want to have the problems that it could bring with it.

Don pointed out that the State may be allowing it, but the Federal Government still considers it illegal. The Board has decided to take no action on the issue.

Credit Card for the Township- We are considering getting a credit card for the Township, so that members of the Board do not need to put things on their personal credit cards and get reimbursed later for them. There would be a policy on who can use the card and it will be used expressly for Township business.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve getting a credit card for the Township with a credit card policy to be adapted to fit the Township from the policy that the Water Authority adopted for their credit card.

Storage Building for the Hall- the Board is considering putting up a storage building or garage for storing extra items from the hall, because we are running out of storage space and the fire department is bringing in another fire truck for the fire barn. The items that the Township has stored in the fire barn are going to have to be removed for the new truck to fit into the building and we have no place to put the items right now.

We are still gathering pricing on the project, so we will address the issue again at another meeting.

Flower Garden Care Taker- in the past the flower beds were taken care of by volunteers, but we have had trouble finding people to do the job. We may need to consider hiring a company to come in and do the job if we can't find another volunteer.

We are going to try a couple of options for finding someone for the project; 1. Put the information out on the sign in front of the hall; 2. Put it in the summer newsletter; and 3. Advertising in the paper as a last resort.

Public Comment:

A resident asked why Sims Township residents pay less for their water than Whitney Township residents. It was explained that Sims Township has more residents, so they spread the cost out to more people than Whitney can. John explained the billing process and the way we figure out how much each Township pays for water.

A resident commented on the medical marijuana item and how other countries handled their issues with drugs.

Another resident asked if we bid out the mosquito control to other companies. APM is the only company that the Township has ever used. He feels that the quality of the program has gone down in the last several years, as compared to when it first started.

Pay the Bills:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to pay the bills and any that come in later.

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Kimberly Anderson

Whitney Township Clerk