

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on April 18, 2017

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

Present: Becker, Gehris, Anderson, Semenick, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2017 meeting, as printed.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2017 Truth in Taxation Meeting, as printed.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2017 Special Meeting and Budget Hearing Meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over the funds sheets for the General Fund and Water Fund for March.

March 2017

General Fund

Income	\$33153.18	Disbursements	\$54070.07
Balance on Hand	\$124286.46		

Water Fund

Income	\$20293.09	Disbursements	\$33249.89
Balance on Hand	\$52487.78		

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

Zoning Report:

Ernie was at the Sims' Township Board Meeting

Fran told the Board about what Ernie had stated at the Planning Commission meeting the previous night. He had stated that he was receiving a lot of calls lately about blight and junk cars in the Township.

Ernie is checking the whole Township not just one area.

Assessor's Report:

We have rolled into the 2018 tax season assessing wise.

There were 6 appeals for the Board of Review in March.

Jessica's files get reviewed by AMAR to make sure they meet their requirements and then she meets with them in July to receive the results of their review.

Jessica is taking care of an issue that was brought up at the Planning Commission Meeting Monday night.

Fran asked Don why he sent two residents to the Planning Commission for a land split issue. Don did not remember sending them to the Planning Commission.

We as a Board need to take care of the residents' needs as best we can and as fast as we can.

Fire Authority Report:

The Fire Authority Meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Whitney Township Hall.

Public Comment:

P. Cardinal she asked why we don't know who is making the complaints and if it is even allowable to take a complaint without knowing who it is. She was concerned that people outside the Township could make complaints about things if we can't check to see who is making complaints. The Board explained that complaints can be anonymous.

P. Cardinal asked about the water deputy being removed from the budget. The Board explained that that was just a line that was taken out of the budget, because there is no deputy water clerk position.

Old Business:

Fire Barn Doors- the new doors are here, but the contractor is waiting for better weather before he installs them.

New Business:

MTA Conference- Kim announce that she was elected the new District 10 Director for the MTA Board at the District 10 Caucus in Lansing last Wednesday afternoon. The previous Director is now the President of the MTA for 2017-2018.

The MTA is very helpful to Township throughout the State and they have a lot of classes about varied topics for Township Officials.

Don missed the Conference for personal reasons. Fran said that he thought Don should have tried to get in touch with one of the other Board Members to let them know that he would be unable to attend the Conference instead of just not showing up at all. Fran was concerned about the money that was spent for the Conference Registration and the hotel room being wasted.

John and Kim talked to someone from a company called Michigan Class about investing some of the Township money to get a better rate of return on the money than we are getting from the banks, but he is going to check into it further.

Arenac County Road Commission Meeting on March 20, 2017- The Board had their yearly meeting with the Road Commission to discuss what roads the Board would like worked on this year.

The Board received 6 quotes on the roads that were discussed and it looks like the Board may have to reconsider some of the roads, because the quotes add up to more money than we have to spend. We can do Prescott Drive, Hammel Beach Road from VanHorn Road to Delano Road, Swartz Road, and Edmonds Road that we received quotes for. The plan was to do 3 sections of Hammel Beach Road, but they came in at a higher amount than we expected and we had to cut back on some of the roads we were going to work on.

Ken Swartz has been in touch with the Road Commission to see about mowing the roads in the Township. If the Board can find someone to mow the sides of the road in the Township the Road Commission will give the Township more money for road work.

Don will get a proposal together for what roads need to be mowed and get with Ken Swartz and even John Huber to see what they can do for the Township.

Kim had talked to Ken Swartz before the meeting and he stated that he thought the cost would be \$50.00 per mile per pass for the mowing.

We have 26 miles of gravel roads in the Township.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to move ahead with the roads stated above and the costs could be recalculated at the end of the season and the cost of the roads could be less than what is stated on the quote sheets.

APM Update- The aerial spraying is supposed to start next week. The guys are spreading larvicide on the ground already in the area. Phillip Swartz will be staying on with APM for another year, which is a good thing because he lives in the Township and is close by if problems arise.

MTA County Meeting- The Arenac County MTA meeting is happening Thursday, April 20, 2017 in Lincoln Township. John, Fran, and Don are planning to attend. Scott is going to try to make the meeting if he can finish up his previous plans quickly enough. Kim is attending the Iosco County meeting as part of her new job.

Transfer Station Driveway- There have been numerous complaints about how bad the driveway is. There is a plan in place to have it worked on starting next week. Killingbeck is going to bring in more gravel and try to get it back into good condition after one of the snow plow drivers destroyed the last repair job that was done. It is going to cost approximately \$1100.00 for the gravel/ground asphalt that is being used.

Sunrise Disposal is going to be bringing another 8 or 10-yard dumpster for the cardboard and paper at the recycling center at the Transfer Station.

Progress report on the new Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Plant- Work has started on the new plant. There has been a threat of a lawsuit over Bilacic being removed from the project.

They have started clearing the trees and the fence is coming down.

There will be progress reports on the project every month provided by the contractor and the engineer.

The Board Members can go down to visit the site if they get permission from the engineer and builder first. They do not want people just wandering in and out of the site for safety reasons.

We could sell or donate items from the old building. We could donate some stuff to Michigan Rural Water Association if they wanted anything.

The payments for Operations and Maintenance for the Water Authority have been recalculated to reflect actual usage not just based on a percentage.

Public Comment:

M. Piotrowski asked about ditching on Turner Road. The Township should pay for part of the ditching like they do for the dust control according to her.

M. Piotrowski asked why Noble Road didn't get done instead of the other roads from year 3 of the plan. The Board made the decision based on road conditions and products being used for the project. We have moved Prescott Drive up because it was a chip-n-seal project like Pinewood Subdivision was, so the costs and the actual projects would be like what was already on the plan.

Consumers has marked a lot of trees for either trimming or removal.

J. Huber cuts the grass along Turner Road and he wants to do it on his own pace, he doesn't want to be put on a time schedule.

Trees on Twining Road who is responsible for taking care of the fallen trees. The Board explained that it is the property owner's responsibility unless it is across the road then the Road Commission takes care of it.

Trees in the Whitney Drain who takes care of them. The Drain Commission oversees trees in the drains.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:50pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk