

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on March 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Donald Becker at 7pm

Present: Gehris, Becker, Anderson, McAlindon, Semenick

Absent: None

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for water and general fund.

96% of winter taxes were collected

February 2017

General Fund

Income	127598.35	Disbursements
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91193.94

Balance on Hand	145203.35
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Water Funds

Income	19999.83	Disbursements
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13022.06

Balance on Hand	65444.58
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Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to receive the Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

Ernie is working on several blight issues, some are co-operating and some are not.

Assessor's Report:

Jessica is in one of her other Townships doing Board of Review

Fire Authority Report:

Olen Swartz was out of town on Road Commission business

Public Comment:

-M. Heckman asked about the petition that Mr. Zimmermann talked about last month. He doesn't know of any petition that was circulated. Don explained that the Board is going to repair Northeast Drive as part of 5 year plan. We can't just look at part of the road, we are looking to do the most possible work for the money that we have coming in.

It was explained that the board will only be doing the chip-n-seal on Northeast Drive and the other side streets included in the quote from the Road Commission.

-J. Edwards- he has talked to Ralph about the road project in Pinewood and he asked him to take over the process of getting the road worked on with the Township Board in his absence. Ralph had been trying to get just his end of the subdivision done and not all the roads in the subdivision.

John would like the Township to not do the chip-n-seal in the subdivision this year and to use the money somewhere else in the Township. There is nothing wrong with the road at one end of the subdivision. He stated that Chip-n-Seal is not made to be put down in subdivisions. He was told by Don that the Board would consider the idea of putting Northeast Drive off to another time.

-Don told the audience that the County would like to convert all the back roads back to gravel. He also spoke of how we are getting conflicting information from the people in Pinewood on what they would like done.

-Another resident of Pinewood would like the Board to discuss putting off the Pinewood project for the time being.

-Don suggested to have the Board decide to put off the Pinewood project.

Moved by Anderson, died in process for lack of second

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to postpone Pinewood road project to another year.

-The Board explained that Pinewood would have to come up with 51% of the land owners to sign a petition to start a special assessment district.

Old Business:

Date Change for Next Month's Board Meeting- Reminder that April's Board Meeting was moved back a week due to MTA Conference in Lansing.

New Business:

Dust Control- There was a discussion on whether we could do all the dust control as a Township, rather than charging the residents for part of the cost. Mylan from Easter Dust Control told Don that 26 miles of dust control would be approximately \$5200.00 and we figure we have about 16 miles that we are going to dust control give or take a little. We would only do the roads that are normally dust controlled in the spring.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to do dust control for the Township on a trial basis for 2017 and to revisit the issue again next year.

Salary Increases for the Boards- Many of the Township Boards have not been given a raise in many years. The Boards that we would like to increase are Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and Board of Review.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to approve a \$5.00/meeting raise for all the Boards mentioned above.

New Carpet and Tile for Hall- We have gotten a quote for replacing the carpet in the offices and tile in the entryway and kitchen. The carpet is starting to get worn in spots and needs to be replaced.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve applying for 2% gran for carpet and tile and if we don't receive the 2% money we will pay for the carpet and tile out of the general fund.

Road Work Discussion- There is no need to discuss further it was all covered in public comment.

Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing Reminder- This is just a reminder to the public that we are holding our annual meeting and budget hearing on March 25, 2017 at 9am here at the Township Hall.

Board of Review- The Board of Review is meeting now and the following times are when they are meeting:

March 13- 2-5pm & 6-9pm

March 16- 9am-12pm

March 20- 9am-12pm

Planning and Zoning Training in May- The MTA is offering a Planning and Zoning training in May at Frankenmuth that Ernie and Don would like to attend.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the MTA training for May for Ernie and Don.

Budget Amendments- There are a couple of areas that need to be amended a little on the budget before the end of the year. There is a list attached of the amendments.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the budget amendments.

New Entry Doors for the Fire Barn- The entry doors on the fire barn need to be replaced. The door on the north end of the fire barn sometimes gets stuck shut and can't be used for entry. Fran has gotten a quote to replace both doors for the fire barn, the doors will cost \$1335.00 (Earls' Building Supply) and then installation will be \$950.00(Sam's Construction). Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to apply for 2% grant for doors and if not approved they will be paid for out of the general fund.

Public Comment:

B. Boensch commented on how well the Board handled the road discussion.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk