

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on June 13, 2017

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

Present: McAlindon, Gehris, Semenick, Becker, Anderson

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting, as printed.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on May 12, 2017, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for General Fund and Water Fund

May 2017

General Fund

Income	\$112,644.90	Disbursements	\$26,154.32
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Balance on Hand	\$188,162.83		
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Water Fund

Income	\$22,121.72	Disbursements	\$9,562.17
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Balance on Hand	\$42,035.64		
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Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to receive the Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

Ernie was unavailable

Assessor's Report:

Jessica was attending another meeting.

She asked the Board to look at some guidelines that the State wants the Township to have in place for people to look at assessing records. Fran has concerns about the document and would like to ask some questions. The issue is tabled until the next meeting.

Fire Authority:

The new ladder truck is coming in the first part of July.

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Update:

New plant is going well. The trusses for the roof are going up this week and the metal for the roof should be going on next week.

Sims-Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*A personnel policy was passed at the last meeting.

*There are some trees in the parking area for the beach that are going to be removed.

*Kozyra is the property for his project again and has things stored on the property that need to be removed.

*There is a storage building down at the cemetery that Don cannot find keys for. He has checked all the keys on the ring he carries with him, but none fit. There are more keys in the office closet and he is going to check to see if there are any other keys that might belong to the lock. If the key cannot be found the locks will have to be changed, so that the building can be opened for extra storage.

*There was a question of why with the weather the way it has been are guys still in the cemetery working when there is nothing to be done. We should stop in and check on what is going on if we see them there working.

Public Comment:

8M. Piotrowski asked about dust control being done by the Township and where the money is coming from. She asked about ditching along Turner Rd again and whether the Township was going to pass a policy on ditching in the Township. The Board told her the Road Commission is responsible for ditching on Turner Rd, not the Township. She would still like to see a policy passed on ditching.

*Alabaster Drain Petition- A resident asked about the petition to get the drain cleaned out. The Board informed him that the Drain Commissioner has let the Township know that there is no money to clean the drain out right now, so the properties on the drain will be assessed for clean-up.

*Parking on the side of the road- A resident stated that the lawn maintenance companies are still parking on the side of the road and blocking the view of traffic for cars pulling out of driveways along US-23. The Board informed the resident that the Township doesn't have any say in the problem, because it is road right of way. Either the police or the road commission will have to handle the issue.

*Someone asked about what was being done about BJ Scott and his collecting stuff again. The Board told the resident that procedures must be followed to take care of blight issues and that we cannot just start handing out citations without following said procedure.

Old Business:

Road Quote- At the last meeting there was another section of road that was proposed to have work done, but the Board was waiting for a quote on the price. The quote came in later that week and there was a special meeting held. The Board approved the quote and the work has already been done.

Storage Barn- Kim called and got a couple of prices for the structure, but hasn't had time to get in touch with local contractors for bids on building the structure. Scott McAlindon volunteered to help with getting the project moving.

Flower Beds- There is a resident's daughter who has stated that she would help with marking the flowers in the flower bed, so Kim knows what are plants and what are weeds.

New Business:

Dust Control/Mowing- Dust control is done, Don went out with Eastern Dust Control today to work on the roads and there was a little bit left to be done which will be worked on when the meeting is adjourned.

Mowing- Ken Swartz is willing to do the mowing for \$50.00/mile, it will be about \$1700.00 for mowing. If we hire Ken are we still going to get the \$5000.00 from the road commission? Yes.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve on a trial basis mowing the sides of the Township roads with an opportunity for another mowing later in the season if the grass needs to be cut again, for an additional cost.

Credit Card Resolution- The bank requires that there be minutes or a resolution in place to apply for a credit card for the Township. In addition, signatories need to be designated for the bank to know who can use the credit card. The resolution is attached and is resolution #2017-05.

Who is going to have approval for using the credit card? The Board decided to have the clerk, supervisor, and treasurer are authorized users.

Moved Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the clerk, treasurer, and supervisor to be signatories on the Township credit card.

Machine for Check Processing- The branch manager from Huron Community came out and told us about some new services that the bank is offering and one of them is the check processing machine. The machine would allow John to process multiple checks at a time right at his desk without having to go to the bank. This would be a time saving and money saving proposition. There is a monthly service fee of \$25.00, but the machine would pay for itself with the cost savings from mileage reimbursement that would now be cut down from 2-3 trips a week, down to once a week maybe.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to authorize the check processing machine with the stipulation that John check with Chemical Bank to see if they offer the same service, so accounts don't have to be moved from one bank to another.

Elected Official Retreats in Frankenmuth- The MTA is offering retreats for each position on the Board. The retreats are in July and August and Board Members need to decide if they want to go to their retreat or not. The registration for the retreats needs to be sent in and rooms need to be booked. Fran, Scott, and Don are not interested. John wants to go and Kim is trying to decide if it is possible with the whole timing issue for her other job.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve the Clerk and Treasurer to attend the MTA Retreats in Frankenmuth.

Master Plan Review- The master plan needs to be reviewed and a recommendation needs to be made to the Planning Commission to get started on the review to see if any changes are needed.

E-Coli Testing- The Health Department has received more money to continue e-coli testing on the beaches in Arenac County.

Spending Limit Policy- The current spending limit for expenditures is \$500.00, should the Board approve an increase to the limit? Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to increase the spending limit policy to \$750.00.

Public Comment:

B. Boensch stated how nice Prescott Drive looked and that time will tell how long it holds up. He also commented on the brush along the side of the road being cut. He wanted to know if the person doing the cutting was going to have signs on the tractor warning about flying objects. He also wanted to know if the person mowing had worker's compensation and liability insurance.

Marie asked why Bolen couldn't do Pinewood instead of Prescott Drive, but it was explained that the Board didn't have Pinewood done because of communication problems between the residents' and conflicting stories we were getting from the people that live in the subdivision. The road was not taken off the plan it was just moved to another year's project list.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk