

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

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, Semenick, McAlindon

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2017, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets

January 2017

General Fund

Income	\$48369.27	Disbursement	\$70293.21
Balance on Hand	\$108798.94		

Water Fund

Income	\$14551.78	Disbursement	\$9944.67
Balance on Hand	\$58466.81		

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

Zoning Report:

Ernie has some things going on with several properties. He has a couple of agreements with the property owners to get things handled and then he has the Sheriff's department helping him with a couple of things. He is meeting with Jessica also about some properties that he needs help with.

Fire Authority Board:

The fire authority meeting is in AuGres on Thursday at the fire barn.

Assessor's Report:

Everything is at the county and assessment changes are going out this week. There are going to be a lot of complaints from the farmers, because their value is going up from around \$1500.00 to \$2100.00 an acre.

Properties are starting to sell again, which is a good sign.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Water Increase Letters- The Board wanted a letter sent out to the people on the water line explaining the rate increase and why it was needed to help fund the new water plant. That letter has gone out and there have only been a couple of phone calls about the letter asking questions about the increase. There was a question from a resident in the audience about whether there was any money put aside for the water plant and he was told there is some money for water plant issues.

Quote for Garage Doors- There was a quote received from the company that has fixed the doors the last couple of times they needed work, C&D Doors. The quote is for all 3 doors and 2 garage door openers and the cost of other supplies for installation, the price is \$8700.00.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve replacing the garage doors on the fire barn.

New Business:

Salary Resolutions- The Board discussed getting a cost of living increase last month and decided to go ahead with a 2% cost of living increase for the new fiscal year, so there were resolutions put together for this meeting to be passed by the Board. The resolutions were passed with a roll call vote for each position, with the results of the vote as follows:

Resolution for Supervisor- Resolution #2017-01

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED for 2017-2018 Salary Resolution for the Supervisor.

Ayes: Semenick, McAlindon, Gehris, Becker, Anderson                      Nays: None

Resolution for Clerk- Resolution #2017-02

Moved by Becker, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED for 2017-2018 Salary Resolution for the Clerk.

Ayes: Semenick, McAlindon, Gehris, Becker, Anderson                      Nays: None

Resolution for Treasurer- Resolution #2017-03

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED for 2017-2018 Salary Resolution for the Treasurer.

Ayes: Semenick, McAlindon, Gehris, Becker, Anderson                      Nays: None

Resolution for Trustees- Resolution #2017-04

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED for 2017-2018 Salary Resolution for the Trustees.

Ayes: Semenick, McAlindon, Gehris, Becker, Anderson                      Nays: None

Assessor's Contract Changes- The IRS has implemented a new rule that states that the Assessor must be an employee of the Township and not a contractor. There have been changes made to the contract that support the IRS changes and allows the Assessor to be a contractor, as well, so that the Assessor can use employees to help with the fieldwork that is required.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve the Contract Changes with the Assessor.

Fran asked about the difference in cost for wages, we told him that the cost is the same as the prior contract.

Road Commission Meeting- We have received the letter from the Road Commission with dates for the meeting we have annually with them to give them the roads that we want worked on in the Township. The Dates are Monday, March 20, through Thursday, March 23 and the times are 3:30, 5:00, and 6:30pm. The Board should decide which date and time to go down and meet with the Road Commission, the dates the Board decided on were Monday, March 20 at 3:30 or Tuesday, March 21 at 3:30. Our first preference is the Monday meeting, but if that is unavailable that is why we chose another day and time.

Changing the Meeting Date for the April Board Meeting- The Board Meeting for April is set for the week that the MTA Conference is and needs to be changed, because many the Board will be in Lansing on that day. The meeting needs to be either the week before or the week after the regular date, which is either April 4<sup>th</sup> or April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board decided to have the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> instead of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

New Outdoor Sign- The new sign needs to have the strips put on so that we can put announcements on the sign again for Board Meetings and other dates of interest for the Township. Don stated that the weather is supposed be good this weekend, so he is planning on working on the sign on Saturday.

Public Comment:

Ralph Zimmermann asked about Northeast Dr./North Dr./ West Dr. and whether instead of chip-n-seal the road could be paved instead. He stated that he has a petition signed by many of the residents on these roads stating that they are willing to pay the difference in the cost for paving the road instead of chip-n-seal. These roads are on the 5 Year Road Plan that the Township Board came up with for getting chip-n-sealed this year. He was informed that he would have to have the money up front for the extra cost or there would have to be a special assessment district set up to cover the costs. The special assessment district would take extra time to get done, because there are procedures that must be followed for this kind of thing.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to adjourn at 8pm.

Kimberly Anderson  
Whitney Township Clerk

