

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on May 8, 2018

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

Present: McAlindon, Becker, Anderson, Gehris, Semenick

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2018 meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over the fund sheets for the General Fund and Water Department

April 2018

General Fund

Income	\$274879.31	Disbursements	\$284293.81
Balance on Hand	\$236700.33		

Water Fund

Income	\$17863.60	Disbursements	\$17608.64
Balance on Hand	\$53361.99		

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

Zoning Report:

A couple of tickets were written.

A couple letters were sent out about trees on houses.

A letter went out about a property on Turner Rd.

Assessor's Report:

Equalized with County

Working on 2019 tax records

Jessica explained about the bill that was received from Equalization. Kim is going to call and question the parcel numbers and other issues.

Fire Authority:

No issues

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

Plant went online on April 3rd and is producing some of the best water ever.

Bulk water sales are open for business and is available 24/7

There are a few issues still being worked on.

Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

*The next meeting is the first Monday in June

- * Locks were changed on the sheds at the Cemetery and Whitney didn't receive a copy of the keys.
- * Cemetery is not being run as a joint venture, so should we hold the check for our share of operations back until things get fixed or not. No decision was made on the issue.
- * The building that is being demolished at the Cemetery needs to have the door openings covered, because people think it looks bad.
- * There are no issues with the Transfer Station.

Public Comment:

Pinewood is being paved tomorrow and Bolen Trucking is doing the work. Stowell Road seasonal road sign needs to be moved according to the residents that live there. They were told that they must come to the Township to get it moved, but the Road Commission is the one that is supposed to do the work. Don is going to check on the issue.

Keith Edmonds from the Au Gres City Council came to tell the Board about the fish cleaning station that the city has purchased for a community fish cleaning station. It is large enough for 4 people to clean fish at a time and all the fish waste gets ground up and goes into the sewer system. It will donation based and will be open in a week or two. There will be surveillance camera in the area to protect the property. The Township will put an item in the newsletter that goes out with the taxes.

Old Business:

Lawn Bids- There were no bids received by mail. I called North Coast to see why they hadn't sent in a bid and he said he didn't see it in the paper. He sent a bid in for the same pricing we had last year, which is \$45.00 a cut for grass mowing and \$200.00 for a spring clean-up.

Do we need a spring clean-up? There was no clear answer given to the question

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve the bid from North Coast Landscaping.

Don will talk to Blake about what the spring clean-up entails.

Driveway Reseal- Duane Martin sent a bid for just sealing the worst of the cracks in the driveway. The bid was for \$425.00.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve bid for Duane Martin to reseal the cracks in the driveway.

Dust Control- The letter went out to the residents explaining that the Township is once again paying for Dust Control, but that at some point in the future it may have to go back to the old way where residents must help contribute for the process.

We are doing a lot of road work so should we hold off on dust control or force the Road Commission to get the work done before Memorial Day.

The Road Commission has stoned Mackinaw Rd with some extra money that they received from the State.

New Business:

Resolution for 1% and 3% fees on Tax Bills- The County has requested that we pass a resolution approving the 1% and 3% fees that they collect on the taxes. The Resolution was voted on with a roll call vote and the number is 2018-02 (see attached).

Roll Call Vote Results:

Semenick- Yes

McAlindon- Yes

Gehris- Yes

Becker- Yes

Anderson- Yes

Check into Solar Ordinance and Review of Wind Ordinance- We need to investigate getting a Solar Ordinance put in place, because it is becoming more and more popular. An ordinance would help the Township to regulate their use in the Township.

The Wind Ordinance needs to be reviewed by the Planning Commission to see if it is up to date with current regulations.

The Planning Commission is going to have to work on both Ordinances.

The rescheduled Planning Commission Meeting is on May 15, 2018 at 7pm.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance Repeal- At a class at the Annual Conference in Traverse City it was mentioned that anyone who opted out of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance process who has an Ordinance regulating medical marijuana that predates the new law should repeal that Ordinance, because it creates a double standard.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRRIED to repeal the Whitney Township Medical Marijuana Ordinance- Ordinance #2011-07.

Seawalls along Lake Huron- residents need to get with the DEQ and Army Corp of Engineers to replace or repair their seawalls. The Township doesn't have any jurisdiction in these matters.

Pay the Bills:

Moved by Becker, 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 7:55pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk

