

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting  
Held on February 13, 2018

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

Present: Anderson, Gehris, Becker, Semenick, McAlindon  
Absent: None

Minutes:

January 9, 2018

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes, as printed.

January 16, 2018

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the January 16, 2017 Special Meeting minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over fund sheets for General Fund and Water Fund

January 2018

General Fund

Income	\$128254.86	Disbursements	\$92290.66
Balance on Hand	\$231509.18		

Water Fund

Income	\$20695.88	Disbursements	\$20085.36
Balance on Hand	\$75513.34		

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to receive subject to audit.

Water credit for people running their water due to cold weather, John wanted to know how much credit to give.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to give a \$20.00 credit to all the resident's that were told to run their water.

Zoning Report:

Ernie has issued 3 tickets and is set to go to court for 3 different cases.

Assessor's Report:

Jessica is getting ready for Board of Review

Assessment notices are going out soon

There are no major changes in the assessing numbers

Fire Authority:

Nothing really going on

The Township should put something in the next newsletter about keeping the area around fire hydrants clear of snow and other debris, because the fire department needs to have easy access to the hydrants in case of a fire.

#### Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

- \*The Plant is scheduled to open in March.
- \*The pond is being enlarged and the cost is \$39,500.00 and Spicer is only willing to cover just over half of that amount.
- \*We need to go over the engineer's head to the big bosses to see if we can get to the bottom of the problems we have had with the company and its engineers.
- \*The Authority attorney has been consulted and is working on seeing what we can legally do.
- \*There is some dissent on whether the Authority should have to pay for anything for the enlargement of the pond, because it was Spicers mistake.
- \*We haven't heard from the attorney as of this meeting.
- \*The soil erosion permit did come in, so the work can be done on the pond.
- \*There is agreement that the Authority shouldn't pay anymore bills until all these issues are resolved to our satisfaction.
- \*Should we seek an injunction to get the project done.
- \*Go to Don one of the bosses as Spicers and discuss these issues and see if we can get any results on these issues from him that satisfy the Board.

#### Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

- \*Nothing has been done to this point about the Cemetery case.
- \*Judy sent John more financial information, but it is not complete.
- \*We need to make it clear to Judy that we need the agenda earlier than the day of the meeting.
- \*The Transfer Station is running well
- \*There will be someone coming in to work on the Ram for the compactor and it shouldn't take more than a day to finish the work.
- \*Denny Killingbeck is going to level the leaves sometime this spring.

#### Public Comment:

- \*There was a question about what can be done about people renting their houses out in residential areas and the fact that they are advertising them on rental websites. At this point the Township is not able to do much to regulate this issue. The State is trying to pass a law to take control away from Townships on these issues and if they pass anything we would do would be cancelled out by State law. Scott McAlindon is working on an ordinance that is like many that have been passed on the west side of the State, but it must go through proper channels before it can be enacted.
- \*Marie Piotrowski asked if the ordinance Scott is working on is going to go through the process that it needs to go through to get passed. The answer is yes.
- \*Bob Boensch asked what the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was about and was told it was to approve the roads the Board wants to get worked on.

#### Old Business:

Road Meeting with the Road Commission- March 19, 2018 at 3:30pm.

We received the quotes for the roads from the Road Commission and need to approve them, so we can get on the work list early.

The bid for Pinewood Subdivision came in with the wrong information on it and was way more footage than we planned on doing, so Don is going to ride with Jim the Road Commission foreman to get the right footage for the project and have the bid redone.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the bid for Noble Road- 1,000ft South of Turner Road to the Golf Course Driveway.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the bid for Noble Road- 1mile North of Twining Road to Swartz Road.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the bid for Twining Road- ½ mile West of Noble Road.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the bid for Andrews Road- ½ mile South of Twining Road.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the bid for Delano Road- ½ mile South of Turner Road to Reynolds Road.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the bid for Reynolds Road- ½ mile West of Delano Road.

With the road work we are planning for this year we will be a year ahead of schedule on the 5-year Road Plan and can start looking at other areas of the roads that can be worked on like ditching. Don is going to be checking out the roads to what areas are going to need to be worked on in the future.

#### AT&T Lease-

The representative that is talking with Don is still asking for a reduction in the lease amount, but nothing has been done in writing. We are not taking any action on the issue until we have something in writing and we do not feel that we should take less money.

#### Michigan Class Resolution-

Michigan Class needs another resolution for the application process to be completed. John has adapted the sample that they sent to him for the Township to pass. The resolution number is 2018-01.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED with a roll call vote

Semenick- Yes

McAlindon- Yes

Becker- Yes

Gehris- Yes

Anderson- Yes

#### New Business:

Budget Amendments- There are some amendments that need to be made to both the Water and General Funds to get the budget back in balance.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the budget amendments for both the General and Water funds as presented.

Hall Rental Fee Increase- There hasn't been an increase in the rental fee in several years and the Board needs to look at the issue and decide what to increase the fee to and what the refund should be for making sure the hall is in good condition when the renters leave. The suggested rate is \$125.00 up from \$100.00 with the refund to stay at \$25.00.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the rental fee increase to \$125.00 with the refund to remain \$25.00.

Tower at the Golf Course- The tower has been dismantled and all Township requirements were met for demolition.

Public Comment:

Marie Piotrowski asked about the roads that the Board approved and we repeated the one that she missed.

Ralph Zimmermann asked if Pinewood was still being worked on and he was told yes, but we needed to have the project re-measured because they bid the whole subdivision not just the roads we had asked for.

Bob Boensch asked about the Tower lease on the Golf Course.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Kimberly Anderson  
Whitney Township Clerk

