

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on September 11, 2018

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

Present: Gehris, McAlindon, Becker, Anderson, Semenick

Absent: None

Minutes:

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2018 minutes, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

General Fund

August 2018

Income	\$30528.41	Disbursements	\$44925.05
Balance on Hand	\$232383.69		

Water Fund

Income	\$24671.78	Disbursements	\$19910.14
Balance on Hand	\$30447.41		

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

Zoning Report:

Ernie stated that there was not much to report, he is working a couple of issues. He has taken pictures for one of the issues.

Assessor's Report:

Nothing to report

Fire Authority Report:

Nothing to report

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

Tops of meters can be replaced, but they would be obsolete in 3-5 years and would have to be replaced again.

Sprinklers were installed and tested today. Fran said that we shouldn't be using treated water on the grass.

Everything is working well

Sims Whitney Cemetery/Transfer Station Report:

Cemetery- the blades on the mower have had to be replaced already, due to rocks and stones being runover with the mower.

There are some overgrown bushes that need to be taken care of.

Cemetery and Transfer Station both need new weed whackers.

Don has told John and Kevin to talk to Bob Mackie about the weed whackers and other things that must be taken care of, because we are not in charge of either the Cemetery or Transfer Station. Sims Township needs to be included in any decisions that are made in regard both entities.

Whitney Township Board is sending out a letter to the residents about the issues at the Cemetery.

There was some discussion about the whole issue.

There was a question of whether we should put the letter in the newspaper, as well as mailing it out to the residents? The Board decided to give them a chance to cooperate and if they don't then we put it in the paper. If we don't hear anything by the 24th of September we should put it in the Arenac Independent and the Bay City Times.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to give Sims until the 24th of September to respond to the letter they were given in August and if we don't get a response we will call the Arenac Independent and the Bay City Times.

Public Comment:

P. Cardinal asked about the water pressure in her house and was told that anything on her side of the meter pit is her responsibility and there had to be some issue with her pipes.

J. Brown claims that the chlorine level is higher now than it was before the new plant went online.

Mr. Eppert came about the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and feels that the issue should be discussed in closed session. We are going to discuss it in closed session at the Planning Commission meeting in October.

B. Boensch asked about the adjournment of the Cemetery Meeting held on 8-27-18. There was an attempt to adjourn and no one supported. It was brought up as Whitney Board Members were exiting the room and could not respond to the motion.

He also asked about the bidding process.

There was another resident that asked about how the bidding for Township projects was done.

Old Business:

Audit Report- Nathan came to give a report on the audit. He brought handouts for the Board Members to follow along with. He went over the handout and explained the audit results with the Board and any guests.

New Business:

Mackinaw Road- it is a boundary road with Turner Township and we need to reach out to them about helping work on it. Should we work on it even if Turner Township can't help with the cost though.

There were a couple of other roads discussed as well.

Swartz Road to Turner Road

Edmonds between Whitman Road and Hammel Beach Road

Van Horn between Hammel Beach Road and Whitman Road

Hammel Beach Road from Andrews to top of hill

The Road Commission has been out working on the roads in the last week or so.

Snowplowing Bids- do we put an ad in the paper or send out letters to specific companies that we want to bid on the job. The decision was to send a letter to specific companies and put a deadline of October 9th for bids to be in by.

Solar Training in Alpena Township- MSU extension is offering a class on solar and wind in Alpena Township on September 19, 2018 and we need to decide who is interested in attending. We are trying to work on a Solar Ordinance, so it is a good idea for some of us to attend to get ideas and ask questions. Fran, Ernie, Don, and Kim would like to attend.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve sending the 4 people mentioned above to the MSU training session in Alpena Township.

2% Grant Application- What should we apply for other than Roads? There were no other suggestions.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:15pm

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk