

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on June 12, 2018

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

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

Minutes:

May 8, 2018 Minutes

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting, as printed.

May 31, 2018 Minutes

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the Special Meeting minutes from May 31, 2018, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

May 2018

General Fund

Income	\$35451.25	Disbursements	\$35565.71
Balance on Hand	\$236611.91		

Water Fund

Income	\$23121.74	Disbursements	\$55704.96
Balance on Hand	\$20778.77		

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

Zoning Report:

Ernie is working on several issues- some should be done and checked on tomorrow. He is getting some information from Jessica on other issues, so he can proceed with handling the issue.

Fran asked about the property at 127 N. Huron Rd, because there is a lot of activity there. Ernie is going to stop and check when he sees a car there.

Assessor's Report:

Summer tax warrant is done.

Working on a rate workbook.

July Board of Review Meeting is July 17, 2018 at 5pm.

Each classification of property has been updated by the State in this document Jessica is working on downloading.

Fire Authority:

The new ladder truck is being put into service soon and they got a donation for hoses for the truck.

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority Report:

Issues are being worked on better than they have been by Spicer.

What is in place for handling money for bulk water sales?

- the guys are collecting the money daily and locking it up. They bring it down to John to count and take to the bank.
- need to get a written policy for the procedure
- will call the auditor and ask about what should be done

Sims-Whitney Transfer Station/Cemetery Report:

- Sims is trying to behave, but they can't see to get it right.
- Why did we not follow through with our planned walk out? No one would speak up.
- We can't trust what they are saying they will do.
- We did not give them our share of costs and are putting it in a separate account.
- Bob Mackie thinks that the Cemetery Ordinance is the by-laws for the Cemetery Board.
- Bob found people playing baseball in the Cemetery and asked them to stop. He wants to now put a pavilion or something in at the Cemetery and to pave the driveway at the beach entrance. He is going to put in a grant for 2% money for the project.
- Bob bought the new tractor and was running it, himself mowing the lawn the day he brought it to the Cemetery. Was there any thought put into buying the new mower? No, we don't think so.
- Bob wanted to fix the old mower instead of sending it to the dealer. We voted to send it to the dealer where we know it will be fixed right.
- What should we do about the next meeting? Go or not go when the next meeting takes place.
- We want the Transfer Station/Cemetery Board to be reorganized to work like the Sims-Whitney Utility Authority. Which means having either by-laws or articles of incorporation drawn up.
- Should we get put on their agenda or talk to them in private.

Public Comment:

Chad Zien from AuGres-Sims Schools came to talk about the bond extension for the school system that is going to be on the ballot in August. He left information about the proposal in case someone comes in asking about it.

Tom and Janice Alden came to discuss their road and to see if the Township would be willing to help finish maintaining the road from where he left off to Bessinger Road. He has put gravel down from Hammel Beach Rd to past his house at his own expense. He stated that more people are using it to get to the Transfer Station and the road is in bad shape past where he stopped and would like us to consider helping with the cost to finish the project. It would be approximately \$2000.00.

Bob Boensch wanted to know about the May 31, 2018 meeting and he also asked if Van Horn was a seasonal road. He also commented on how to eliminate the background noise on the phone when we are teleconferencing.

Joan Voelker came to talk to the Board about the outcome of the Zoning Board of Appeals Variance Hearing. She feels that the outcome of the meeting was pre-determined before it took place. She

doesn't understand why she can't go ahead with her project. The ordinance states that they can't have non-conforming structures and the ZBA Board didn't feel that they met the hardship standards. She doesn't feel that they got a good explanation from the ZBA Board about the denial. They don't feel the meeting was done correctly. They want to know if they can do the meeting over again. They don't like the ZBA decision at all.

The Board explained that they had to write an appeal to the Township Board to get them to try to change the ZBA's decision. The Board gave her an extension to the next Board meeting or to set a special meeting of the Board to review the decision.

Old Business:

Reconsider paving Twining Road and Swartz Road- Prices are going up for asphalt; they have already increased to over \$50.00/ton from the original quoted price of \$45.95/ton. We are locked in at the \$45.95/ton price, so should we take advantage of that price for Twining and Swartz Roads. We can pull our match money ahead with the Road Commission to do more road work. If we pull ahead do Twining Road for sure with the money.

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to get an advance on our road match money to do both Twining and Swartz Roads.

Parking lot reseal- Duane recommended that we just fix the cracks in the driveway, so that is what the Board decided to do and he has completed the job.

Road Work- Gravel on Noble Road is not a very good quality. It has a lot of loose dirt in it and it is going to turn to mud as soon as it rains.

Dust Control- the roads have all been worked on so we are going to schedule the dust control as soon as possible.

New Business:

Planning Commission Update- a special meeting is being held about the short-term rental ordinance that Scott McAlindon presented.

Resolving the too many cars on a 50-foot lot issue was a big discussion at the last Planning Commission meeting.

The Township Board asked the Planning Commission to review the Wind Ordinance and to talk about working on a Solar Ordinance. The Solar Ordinance is not as major as the Wind Ordinance, but it needs to regulate for setbacks and lifespan of the panels. We need to be proactive about the Solar issue.

There are two samples of Solar Ordinances that we could use as a guideline.

GIS Mapping Maintenance- the local MTA talked about this at their last meeting and how it would be maintained by the County.

Something must be figured out on how to help with the cost to maintain the program. Fran suggested offering \$1.00/parcel towards maintaining the program. We need to take this proposal to the County with the contingency that every Township should do the same thing.

The Township could expand on the GIS Mapping for the water line system.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to put a letter together to send to the Board of Commissioners to offer a suggestion about all Townships paying \$1.00 per parcel to help with GIS Mapping Maintenance costs.

Natural Gas Supplier- we are paying \$8.89 per mcf and the new company can give us a rate of \$2.85 per mcf.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to change natural gas suppliers.

Beach Monitoring for E-coli- Health Department got more money to do testing again. They will be monitoring the road ends for E-coli.

Ditching on Delano Road- There is a half mile on Delano Road that still needs to be done, the rest had been done previously.

Killingbeck will do it for \$10,000.00.

The spoils need to be taken away and Killingbeck would handle that.

We applied for 2% money and didn't get it. We can apply again in the fall.

We will put it off until next year.

Pay the Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk

