

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting  
Held on April 10, 2018

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

Present: Anderson, Becker, Gehris, McAlindon

Absent: Semenick

Minutes:

March 13, 2018 Meeting

Moved by McAlindon, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting, as printed.

March 21, 2018 Pre-Budget Meeting

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting, as printed.

March 31, 2018 Truth In Taxation, Special Meeting and Budget Hearing Meeting

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Becker, CARRIED to approve the minutes from March 31, 2018 meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John has moved the Water Replacement and Gypsy Moth Monies from Chemical Bank to MI Class.

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

March 2018

General Fund

Income	\$32494.73	Disbursement
	\$31098.73	

Balance on Hand	\$246114.83
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Water Fund

Income	\$20396.41	Disbursement
	\$41916.33	

Balance on Hand	\$53107.03
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Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to receive Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Zoning Report:

There is a court date set for this month. Everything else is running as usual.

The house that burnt down is going to be checked on by Ernie.

Assessor's Report:

Jessica was ill, so she was unable to attend. She informed the Clerk that she didn't have anything to report anyway.

Fire Authority:

New budget done

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority:

\*Plant has been up and operational for a week. Old building has been gutted out already.

\*The water is coming out cleaner than with the old system.

\*DEQ stated that once the new plant went online that the old plant had to be disconnected from the system.

\*We have sold a few items out of the old plant to Au Gres.

\*John has a phone call with the Authority Attorney Michael Homier on Wednesday at 1pm.

Transfer Station/Cemetery:

\*Judy has been called to set up a special meeting about the demolition of the old white building at the Cemetery. Sims Supervisor has already decided on using North Coast to demolish the building and wants to meet about getting a date set for the demo.

\*Transfer Station the split on the cost is Whitney 44% and Sims 56%, we are going to leave it like it is.

\*Moved by Anderson, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to keep cost for the Transfer Station as they are currently.

Public Comment:

Cardinal- asked about the plan that the Board was going to take on the Cemetery issue? It is to follow through with the law suit if this special meeting doesn't go well with Sims.

Old Business:

Computer for Treasurer- the bid from Intensified Technology is for \$1532.74 with tax and the tax amount will be subtracted from the price.

Scott doesn't like the bid and feels that we should get more quotes on a new computer. He thinks the computer that is quoted doesn't have a very fast processor.

The computer that John uses now only has Window 7 on it and is vulnerable to hacking.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve the computer bid with an adjustment to the price for taxes being removed.

Mosquito Renewal Language and Discussion of combining Mosquito and Gypsy Moth Millage's- The Board needs to approve the language for the ballot, so that it can be put on the August ballot.

The combining of the Mosquito and Gypsy Moth Millage monies was discussed and the members present don't like the idea, but it was tabled.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by Anderson, CARRIED to approve Mosquito Renewal Language for August Ballot with a roll call vote.

Becker- Yes

McAlindon- Yes

Semenick- absent

Gehris- Yes

Anderson- Yes

New Business:

Additional Roads to Pave- Don has applied for 2% grant for roads to be paved.

We asked the Road Commission for quotes on Twining Road and Swartz Road to be re-surfaced.

Moved by Becker, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to wait to see if we get the 2% grant for paving and if we do get the money we will do Twining Road and if we do not receive the grant money we will postpone Twining Road to another time.

Arenac County Chapter MTA Meeting Date and Time- The local chapter of the Arenac County MTA will be meeting at Sims Township Hall, Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7pm.

Dog Ordinance- The Board checked with the MTA to see if they had a sample Dog Ordinance and we received an email back with the response that said the only ordinances about dogs were dangerous dogs or kennels. The Township does have something in the zoning ordinance about kennels only.

MTA Training Classes- We need to know who wants to attend the following trainings:

June 26<sup>th</sup> Cemetery or Fundamentals of Assessment and Taxation

June 27<sup>th</sup> Creating a Vision and Linking with the Community

Don is interested in Cemetery Class, but will wait until after the Conference to decide if he will attend. The Board is signed up to take a Cemetery Class at Conference.

Rental Ordinance- Scott gave the Board Members a copy of the ordinance that he is going to present to the Planning Commission on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Teleconferencing in on Board Meetings- Scott want to have the option of teleconferencing in on meetings if he or any other Board Member can't attend a meeting.

He was available to teleconference in for the Annual Meeting, but we did not give him the option to do so.

There was a discussion of who was attending the Planning Commission Meeting and how it may need to be posted as a special meeting of the Township Board, because more than 3 members may be in attendance.

The budget was briefly brought up, but there was no specifics discussed.

The topic of recording meetings was brought up, also.

**Public Comment:**

Boensch states that he sees the value in Scott suggesting the teleconferencing idea.

**Pay the Bills:**

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

Cell Tower- Someone wants to have a copy of Cell Tower Ordinance. We need to raise the bond payment that is required, it is \$10000.00 right now, but it hasn't been changed since the 1980's or 90's.

Don would like to see it increase to \$15000.00.

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to increase the bond payment to \$15000.00.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Kimberly Anderson  
Whitney Township Clerk