

Minutes for Whitney Township Board Meeting
Held on January 9, 2018

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

Present: Anderson, McAlindon, Becker, Gehris, Semenick

Absent: None

Minutes:

December 12, 2017 minutes

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by Gehris, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting, as printed.

December 19, 2017 minutes

Moved by Gehris, Seconded by Semenick, CARRIED to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2017 Special Meeting, as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

John went over funds sheets for General Fund and Water Department

December 2017

General Fund

Income	\$55868.90	Disbursements	\$55698.41
Balance on Hand	\$185497.65		

Water Department

Income	\$19613.46	Disbursements	\$21676.15
Balance on Hand	\$74902.82		

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

Zoning Report:

Sent out a citation and a letter to another resident. He has been keeping an eye on things.

Assessor's Report:

Year end is being worked on. County is going slow, because they are switching to BSA software. Board of Review members are going to training in West Branch in February.

Fire Authority:

Not much going on right now. Door 1 isn't working properly and there is a low tire on the tanker.

Sims-Whitney Utility Authority:

Holidays put everything on hold.

Derrick from Spicer is coming tomorrow for a meeting.

Duane is doing fine after his injury and did retire on December 28, 2017 after all.

Cemetery/Transfer Station:

Money has been sent for Cemetery payments. We will see how the next meeting goes.

Public Comment:

Zimmermann asked if the water employees could use the work truck after hours. The on-call person can take the truck when they are working. They know that they are to use only for work issues, nothing personal.

Zimmermann asked if Pinewood roads were still a go? He was told yes. He wants Don to tell the plow drivers thank you for keeping on top of the plowing this year.

The Board needs to meet to discuss what roads we are going to have worked on this summer. A special meeting is being held on January 16, 2018.

B. Boensch stated that he hasn't seen any gravel displaced by the plows this year like it has been done in the past.

Old Business:

MTA Conference- Everyone that stated they wanted to go to the MTA Conference has been registered for the event and housing codes have been received.

Tables- The new tables are here and set up. We need to add a line to the rental agreement about not sitting on the tables.

Census- Taken care of

Snow Removal- taken care of

New Business:

Approve Investment Policy- We need to pass the revised Investment Policy, so that we can get our application done for Michigan Class.

Moved by Semenick, Seconded by McAlindon, CARRIED to approve resolution #2018-01 with a roll call vote

Semenick-Yes

McAlindon- Yes

Gehris- Yes

Becker- Yes

Anderson- yes

Eppert has already reviewed the wording of the resolution and okayed it.

AT&T Leasing More Space- AT&T wants to add a 10'x40' space on the ground at the water tower. This is for something to do with Wi-Fi.

We need to catch up on what they owe us for past rent.

The money comes into the Utility Authority and then is dispersed to the Township. We need to check into just having it come directly to the Township.

Phase I- catch up with payments

Phase II- negotiate new contract for extra space

They are proposing a 5% increase each 5-year extension and it should be 5% per year.

They want to have exclusive use of the property and we don't want to do that. We should also be getting more money for that kind of use.

They should have to pay a fee to enter the tower are every time, also.

Don will talk to the AT&T representative

We do not want a 50-year easement and the contract shouldn't be any longer than 15 to 20 years.
We will need to get Eppert involved at some point with the contract.
Discuss whether we should switch to Whitney Township rather than Sims-Whitney Utility Authority with the lawyer.
Check tower files for paperwork on payments.

Public Comment:

Boensch how much money are we going to move to Michigan Class. Eventually we could move around \$400,000.00.

Check into something to deter the birds from landing on the panels.

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 Anderson, CARRIED to adjourn at 8pm.

Kimberly Anderson
Whitney Township Clerk